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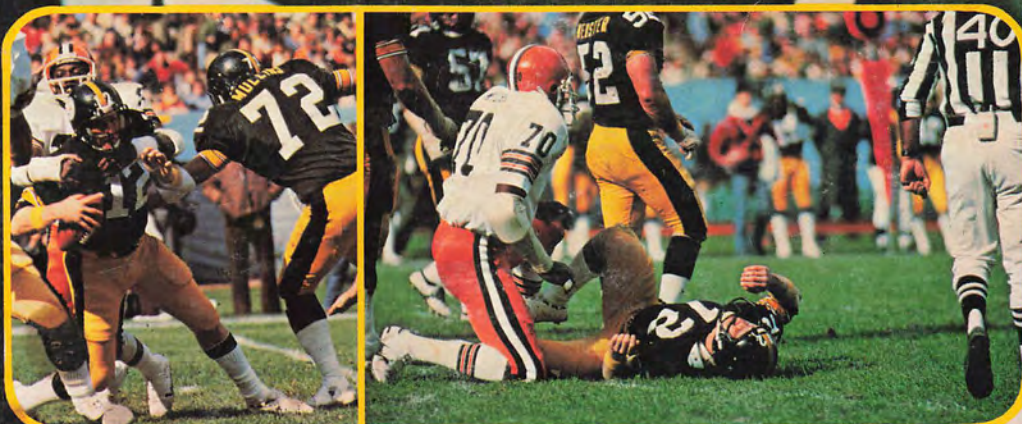


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OUR THEME THIS YEAR IS . . .

# PRO FOOTBALL... ITS VIOLENT TIMES



Chuck Benedict

**T**he pendulum swings. As the heavy object on a string swings through the bottom point of gravity, it continues on in an upward motion, and the follow-through distance upward is in direct proportion to the distance downward on the original segment of the swing.

That's unscientifically put, but then the pendulum swing from violence to non-violence and back is different in sports. It's less predictable, but almost always the swing is there.

Balance and counter-balance. Menstrual cycles. Biorhythmical ups and downs. The safer flying becomes, the more tragic are the less-frequent accidents. The pendulum swings.

In sports, it swings in front of huge audiences and in front of the TV cameras. It swings to the notice of the newspaper reporter who, these days, no longer may just file a game story. That story *must* have an angle. It's a mandate of the job description. The reporter looks, as if with a magnifying glass, for the swinging pendulum. Violence is uncovered, magnetized by the inquirer's persistence, and brought to the surface.

No one in the history of sports can match the incredible record of UCLA basketball coach Johnny Wooden, who won 10 NCAA championships in 12 years. A committed Christian, Wooden has lived a totally exemplary life off the court—a true inspiration to those who played for him and those who hear him on the lecture circuit. But on the basketball court, coach Wooden was classed by many opponents as a referee baiter. His caustic tongue, often in motion on behalf of his team, stung opponents and officials at times, and was overheard by reporters. The swing of the pendulum.

On May 1, 1979, a player often called the best catcher in the major leagues today was the subject of a TV feature. When the cameras invaded his locker room five hours before game time, the catcher and the TV crew were subjected to the most violent of language—ordinary jock language was pale by comparison—and a full bucket of soapy water was thrown on the partially dressed catcher, splashing onto the TV equipment, driving the visitors out. The bucket wielder and the tongue-lasher, teammates of the catcher, are said to be men of astronomical IQs. Their only explanation was, "He deserved it." Was that a team reaction to a swing in the catcher's pendulum? Or was it the swing of the team pendulum because the catcher, and not others, was selected for the TV feature? The locker room ignored the question.

An NFL team had just scored to take a one-touchdown lead with seconds left in the game. The head coach told his kicking specialist to keep the kickoff away from Abe Woodson, a dangerous kick returner. The kickoff sailed to the opposite side, away from Woodson, but took a crazy bounce and went out of bounds. The second try, from the 35, went to the other returner, away from Woodson, and the little strategy paid off in victory.

But after the second kickoff, a running back teammate of the placekicker, with blazing eyes and crimson face, castigated the kicker unmercifully on the sideline, with several rows of spectators listening to it all. It seemed to the violent one that there was no excuse for the out-of-bounds kickoff, causing the special team members to take an extra run downfield when bodies already were weary. An ultra-violent verbal residual from a cool bit of winning strategy. The swing of the pendulum.

However, violence in football primarily is identified as physical. It's a violent

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game, by its own rules and by its own strategy. The more physically violent a team plays, the more chance it has of reaching its talent potential.

In writing our keynote story, Rich Kucner has researched the modern history of violence in the NFL. It's the story of some of the nicest pussy-cats ever to don a jock, pussy-cats who turn tigerish when the whistle blows.

And after Kucner analyzes, through history, the part violence plays in pro football, we invite you to read on.

Phil Musick examines the controversial lifestyle of the Pittsburgh Steelers—with their coal-miner tough, yet newly spiritual approaches.

Bob Marshall profiles the man who has projected his own image as one of violence, Saints offensive lineman Conrad Dobler.

Scott Ostler questions whether violence dictates career lengths, medically. Don Fair describes the antithesis of violence, in a man who must deal with it defensively, Seattle quarterback Jim Zorn.

Bud Tucker takes a look at violence through the eyes of the zebras—the game officials.

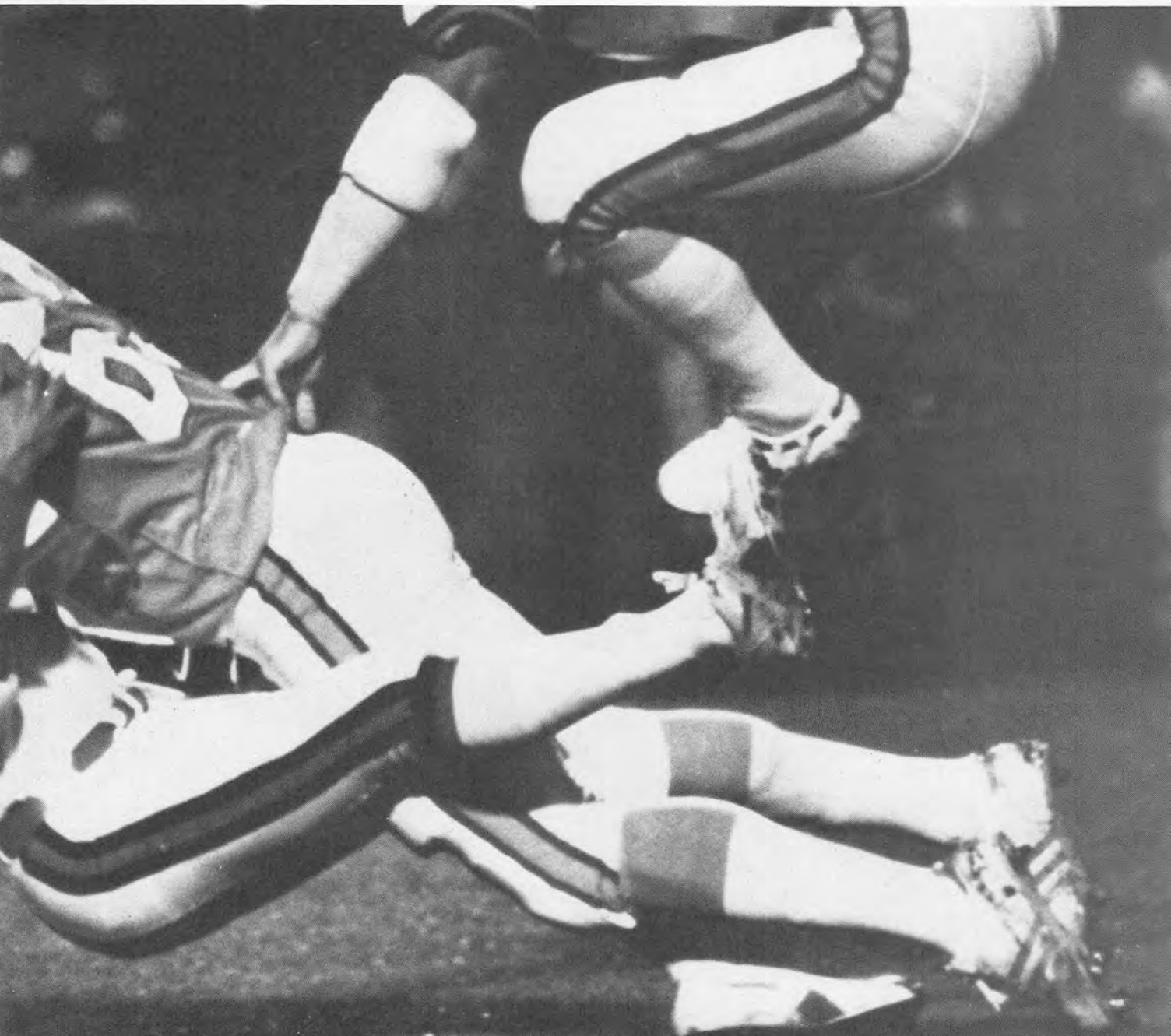
Then, when you've read on, through the team-by-team analyses for 1979 with Vin DiTrani and Mal Florence, we invite you to keep your eye open for

our fall release of **Petersen's 1979-80 Pro Basketball**, in which Kareem Abdul-Jabbar tells how a man of peace is forced into a different perspective on one-to-one violence.

Our 1979 sports series theme, "A Look at Violence," began with **Petersen's Baseball-1979**, and continues now, as we examine violence in pro football.

*Chuck Benedict*

Editor-In-Chief





# PRO FOOTBALL... ITS VIOLENT TIMES

IT'S MEANT TO BE A VIOLENT GAME,  
BUT HAS IT BECOME EXCESSIVELY

VIOLENT? VICTIMS SAY YES. VIOLATORS SAY NO



by Richard Kucner

**"Violent? No, I don't think pro football is excessively violent. It's just . . . well, it's just football."**

**—Ted Marchibroda  
Head Coach, Baltimore Colts**

**V**iolent? Yes, pro football is violent . . . extremely so when compared to more gentle amusements like baseball, badminton or stamp collecting. It's meant to be. What separates pro football from all other sports except boxing is that its very nature demands that it be violent.

Football is 11 men trying to take territory defended by 11 other men, by force if necessary (and it inevitably is). Consider that these 22 men are giants, ranging in weight from 200 to 300 pounds, and that on every play, 21 of them are assigned to engage in high-speed collisions with each other.

The result can be nothing but violent.

So there's no argument whether pro football is violent. It is, just as it's meant to be.

It's just . . . well, it's just football, a game Frank Gifford once described as being " . . . like nuclear warfare. There are no winners, only survivors."

It's a curious sport that an ever-increasing number of Americans have adopted as their national pastime.

"Fans today are a lot like people who went to the Colosseum in Rome," said Miami fullback Larry Csonka. "They want brutality." The very purpose of the game, and probably the reason for its tremendous appeal, is collision at high speed, with a spoken word by the quarterback turning 21 other men into human bumper cars.

Ah, that's entertainment!

But as long as those bumper cars are human, there must be concern about the degree of violence, and the key word in Marchibroda's statement is "excessively."

Pro football's practitioners of excessive violence are labeled cheap-shot artists, dirty players, some of them per-



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formers who have become a rich part of pro football lore.

How widely practiced is the cheap-shot art?

"I'd say only about 5% of the players in pro football could be called dirty players," said Mike Curtis, who has enjoyed a great career as a linebacker for Baltimore and Washington. "That doesn't seem especially high to me. You probably find the same percentage of cheaters in any professional group."

But there's a difference, and Curtis knows it. The cheaters in other professional groups don't inflict bodily harm in front of a TV audience of several million people.

"On the football field I can do things that I'd be arrested for and put in jail if I did them someplace else," said Curtis, whom his friend and teammate, Bubba Smith, once described as "... maybe the meanest man in the world."

"I play hard, but I don't try to hurt anyone," said the middle linebacker nicknamed Mad Dog. "I don't agree with trying to hurt guys intentionally. I don't think it's right to hit a guy in the knees to get him out of the game. If you want to get him out of the game,

hit him in the head when you're coming straight for him. That's a fair shot. Tackle him high or clothesline him. But don't go for his knees. That's a cheap shot."

So the knees are off-limits, but the head is fair game? Sounds like a brutal code.

"Well for cryin' out loud, we weren't out there to play patty-cake," said Alex Karras, the former defensive tackle of the Detroit Lions.

"We hit each other as hard as we can," said former New York Giant linebacker Sam Huff. "We try to hurt everybody. This is a man's game. You've got to be mean."

Curtis, Karras and Huff, it should be noted, were never candidates for the NFL's Mr. Nice Guy award. But were they cheap-shot artists?

The definition of a cheap shot, it seems, depends on whether it's voiced by the hitter or the hittee.



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**1. Ted Marchibroda, head coach of the Baltimore Colts, expresses the widely held opinion that football at the professional level is a game of contact, intimidation, collision, but not excessive violence.**

**2. Former Colts' linebacker Mike Curtis considers going for the knees a "cheap shot." Says Mike: "Tackle him high or clothesline him, that's a fair shot." Mike liked "contact."**

**3. "Well for cryin' out loud, we weren't out there to play patty-cake," said Alex Karras, the 6-2, 245-lb. ex-defensive tackle of the Lions.**

**4. Ed Sprinkle, one of the Bears' legendary hit men, plied the "contact" trade in the late '40s and early '50s at the expense of opposing quarterbacks, runners and linemen.**

**5. George Trafton was labeled: "The toughest, meanest, most ornery character alive," by none other than Red Grange. The Chicago Bears' center earned a reputation as the dirtiest player in the league in the '20s.**

**6. Every player in the NFL feared Dick Butkus, the Bears' middle linebacker, and every coach wished he had a player exactly like him.**



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Although pro football had some tough characters in its early days ... Jim Thorpe, Bronko Nagurski, Ernie Nevers ... there's little disagreement that the reputation of dirtiest player in the league once belonged to Chicago Bears' center George Trafton, whom Red Grange described as "the toughest, meanest, most ornery character alive."

Pro football in Trafton's era, the 1920s, when there were teams in places like Decatur and Rock Island, was much more brutal than it is today. Trafton may have been the meanest player of his time, but he had considerable competition for the title in an era when pro football lacked the finesse, sophistication and huge player salaries that characterize it today.

It isn't surprising that Trafton earned his reputation while playing for George Halas' team. That only qualified him as a predecessor to a long list of Chicago Bears who were known for their brutal and sometimes illegal tactics.

Ferocious hitters like George Connor, Doug Atkins, Joe Fortunato and Ed O'Bradovich are heroes in Bear history, but the three spots immediately behind Trafton on the list of Chicago hit men belong to Ed Sprinkle, Ed Meadows and Dick Butkus.

Sprinkle, a 195-pound defensive end who terrorized quarterbacks in the late 1940s and early '50s, was one of the most punishing players of his time. His jaw broken on the elbow of Los Angeles quarterback Bob Waterfield in 1945, Sprinkle remembered and returned the favor three years later, breaking Waterfield's jaw with his knee.

Sprinkle left a trail of bloody noses and fractured faces in his wake, a fact that Halas, the ringmaster of the Monsters of the Midway, explained this way:



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"Sprinkle has to push and shove and claw his way past blockers. If somebody gets an unintentional whack in the nose now and then . . . well, that's football."

A somewhat different opinion appeared in a *Los Angeles Times* report of an October, 1949 game between the Rams and Bears: "The Ram attack was weakened considerably in the third quarter when fullback Dick Hoerner suffered a slight concussion after being worked over by the notorious Bear end, Ed Sprinkle."

In the mid-'50s, Sprinkle's spot was assumed by Ed Meadows, the pass rusher whose hit from behind knocked Detroit quarterback Bobby Layne out of the game in the second quarter of a contest for the Western Division championship. The Bears went on to win, and an angry Lion coach Buddy Parker said, "Meadows is noted for that type of play, and so is Halas. This sort of thing has been growing big for the last couple of seasons. It's getting so there's nothing wholesome at all about pro football."

Edwin Anderson, who owned the Lions, wanted Meadows, whom he referred to as "Halas' hatchet man," barred from football for life.

Although their scorecard of ambulance cases was impressive, neither Sprinkle nor Meadows was the most feared player in the league.

That dubious honor belonged to Hardy Brown, a one-man wrecking crew who made his way from an orphanage in Fort Worth to a college in Tulsa to the linebacker corps of the San Francisco 49ers.

Brown, whose nickname was, not surprisingly, "Hatchet man," specialized in inflicting injuries by ramming his shoulder into the face of an opponent. There were suspicions, never confirmed, that Brown added metal plates to his shoulder pads. Whatever he did, he did it well. In 1951, his first season with San Francisco, he caused 21 players to be carried from the field, including one game with Washington in which the entire Redskin backfield had to be replaced after collisions with Brown. "He was so tough he was damn near illegal," said quarterback Y.A. Tittle, who had the good fortune of being on the same team as Brown. Many others, though, would say there was no "damn near" about it.

To the south, the Los Angeles Rams had their own "bad boys," the best known being linebackers Don Paul and Les Richter. Paul, whose clothesline tackles made him so dangerous, said his philosophy was "It isn't what you do, it's what they see you do."

Paul's reputation paled when he was replaced by Richter, whom the Rams obtained in an 11 for 1 trade with the

Dallas Texans in 1952.

Bobby Layne said of Richter, "He seems to like trouble. He goes out of his way looking for it. You can never class him with the great ones as long as he keeps up this dirty stuff."

Norm Van Brocklin said, "If Richter could just go as hard while the ball is in play as he does after the whistle, he'd be one helluva player."

And the word from Eagle wide receiver Bobby Walston was, "Richter likes to take cheap shots at you. Nobody dares to turn his back on him. He's always in there pitching after the whistle."

One man who took more direct action against Richter was Baltimore defensive end Don Joyce. On the kickoff late in a 1952 game, Joyce grabbed Richter, tore off the Ram's helmet, and beat him on the face and head with it, an incident that left Richter with a 14-stitch scar he still bears today.

And what did Richter think of the "dirty" label?

"I play rough," he declared. "That's what the Rams pay me for, that's what the fans pay to see. But there's a big distinction between playing rough and playing dirty. If you don't like to knock somebody down, you have no business in football."

Probably the best known pro football intimidator of all time, partially because he played after network television helped pro football become the entertainment giant it is today, was Dick Butkus, the 250-pound middle linebacker of the Bears.

"I never saw anything like him," said Joe Schmidt, who carried a "mean but clean" tag when he was a middle linebacker for the Detroit Lions. "Butkus likes to hit guys. He's sadistic, blood-thirsty."

"When the whistle blows, he just sort of goes crazy," said former Bear coach Abe Gibron.

"You practically have to act like an animal," said Butkus. "You're propelled by your baser instincts, hate and rage and the desire to inflict pain and punishment. But I'm not dirty. I just



play hard."

"I don't care what anybody says, Butkus is a dirty player," said Detroit general manager Russ Thomas.

"He can put the fear of God in you," said former Lion QB Greg Landry.

Eventually, the violent hits took their toll on Butkus, and he had to quit because of bad knees. After his retirement, even the Bears were no longer his friends. He sued them for \$1.6 million dollars, a suit based on alleged incorrect treatment of his injuries, and he settled out of court for \$600,000.

Every player in the NFL feared Dick Butkus, and every coach wished he had a player exactly like him.

See? It all depends on which side you're on.

The bullies of the '50s were replaced by the bullies of the '60s, who were replaced by the bullies of the '70s... but there's a difference.

"Anybody who doesn't think there was a lot more dirty play 20 years ago than there is now just didn't see any pro football back then," says Baltimore

defensive coordinator Maxie Baughan, never regarded as one of the league's gentle people when he was an all-pro linebacker at Los Angeles and Philadelphia.

But instead of cheap-shot artists, today we have "intimidators." Hardy Brown, Ed Sprinkle, Ed Meadows and Les Richter were replaced by Dick Butkus, Mike Curtis, Ray Nitschke, Willie Lanier, Bill Bergey and Jack Lambert.

Pro football has changed, become more humanized. It is no less violent than it was two or three decades ago... in fact, the action is probably more furious than ever... but there's a major difference. Protective equipment has eliminated most of the smashed noses, broken teeth, fractured cheekbones and serious concussions. With the tremendous improvements made in the helmet, combined with the full-cage facemask most players wear today, head and face injuries have been reduced greatly.

And where there was once a reluctance to make use of protective equipment because it might be deemed "un-



**1. It's in "The Pit" that reputations for being violent, dirty, tough, etc., are earned. TV cameras almost never show the "action" that occurs here.**

**2. A third-string junior college end? Get serious! This is Hardy Brown, who in his first pro season (1951) caused 21 players to be carried off the field! His nickname: Hatchet man.**

**3. Y.A. Tittle had the good fortune of being on the same team as Brown, but said, "He was so tough he was damn near illegal."**

**4. Les Richter (bottom) gained quite a reputation with the L.A. Rams as a dirty player. In a 1952 Rams vs. Colts game, defensive end Don Joyce (above Les) tore Richter's helmet off and beat him with it.**

**5. Another L.A. Ram to be feared; Don Paul became (in)famous among opposing quarterbacks and ball carriers for his vicious clothesline tackles. Richter replaced Paul.**

manly," players today strap on all the gear they can carry. There was a time, in 1950, when the Ram helmets with facemasks attached were kept in a bag alongside the bench, not to be used unless the other team started throwing elbows and fists.

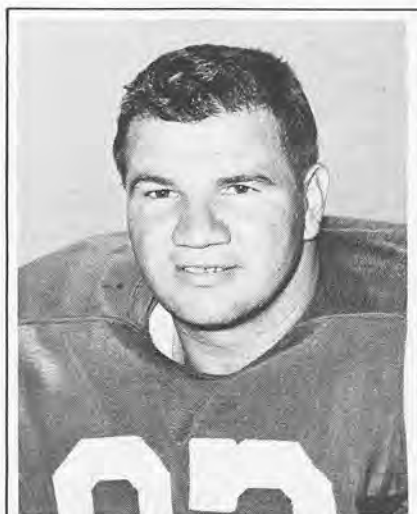
While injuries to the head and face have been reduced, other damage, especially to knees, has increased, but not because pro football has become a more brutal sport. It's simply because of the principles of physics, which dictate that greater mass (bigger players) traveling at greater speeds, will cause more violent collisions. That, plus the factor of artificial turf, has made the complaint "I regret I have but two knees to give for my team" a common refrain in the NFL.

Defensive backs now are the size of the linebackers of the 1950s, and linebackers of today are comparable in size to most of the defensive linemen of yesteryear but they're much faster.

One thing hasn't changed, however,



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and it never will . . . winning in pro football is made easier by successful intimidation, and it is the linebackers who specialize in spreading a little fear wherever they go.

Defensive linemen are tangled up in The Pit with offensive linemen, and nobody really knows what goes on in there. Defensive backs, many of whom have been known to take a cheap shot or two when they feel it's safe, are mostly concerned with patrolling their individual areas of zone defenses to avoid getting beat by long passes.

That leaves the linebackers, usually free to get a running start at their targets. They are the policemen, the primary intimidators. Their position offers the greatest possibilities for mayhem.

"You've got to be mean," said Sam Huff of the qualifications needed to play linebacker. "The minute I come out for a game, I say to myself, 'I'm going to give it to anyone I can get a shot at.' I want the guys on the other team to be thinking, 'Look out for ol' Sam, he's mean today.'"

"When I'm on the field," said Mike Curtis, "I expect to pound and be pounded. It's not true that I go berserk on the field. It's just that I love contact. Football is the kind of game where you express yourself in a physical way, when you can let it all go. I have my territory. I'm alone in that territory. When someone comes into my territory, I'm going to get him and make him pay for trespassing on my turf."

There is the fear factor, the assurance that if a man is intimidated, he won't play as well, that if he's afraid of

being hurt he'll make himself easier to beat.

"When I hit somebody," said Pittsburgh's Darth Vader (Jack Lambert), "I want to hit him so hard that he won't come back to me as hard next time."

That's the standard for many NFLers, but as the degree of civilization and the size of the paychecks have increased, so has the tendency for self-preservation. Willie Lanier, for a decade perhaps the most effective middle linebacker in pro football when he worked for the Kansas City Chiefs, started out as a "stick-your-head-in-there" hitter, but a serious concussion caused him to change his style. Although still a bruising, hurtful hitter after his head injury, Lanier said of his style, "A good hit is beautiful. I enjoy it. But that doesn't mean I'm going to risk my life. Trying to hurt somebody doesn't turn me on. Over a period of time if you attack everyone all out, you wind up doing more damage to yourself than to anybody else."

But there are players who give contact an extra dimension . . . the head hunters.

Butkus, Curtis and Lambert are among the linebackers who specialized in the "hit 'em high" style. A shot to the face or to the head may not injure a player as easily as it did in the days of inferior helmets and facemasks, but it can still intimidate them. And that's the whole idea.

"They tell you to hit low," said Butkus, "but you don't punish a guy that way. You've got to hit him high and knock him flat."

The head-hunting technique is extremely valuable to defensive backs, who lack the size and strength of linebackers. Maybe the most adept at the art was Night Train Lane, whose career included stops with several teams.

"If you hit 'em low, they'll fall forward," said the master of the clothesline tackle. "You've got to hit 'em

high, go for the neck."

The defensive back's favorite kind of pass receiver is one with a keen ear for footsteps, and defenders don't hesitate to test and retest a receiver's hearing.

"You have to impress on the receiver that it will sting him if he catches the ball," said Green Bay's Herb Adderley. "Nothing dirty, just so the man knows that when he catches the ball in front of you, you are going to make him sorry about it."

Acquiring a reputation as a ferocious hitter can be a great asset to a defensive back, an advantage that players like former Ram and Eagle Irv Cross, Oakland's Jack Tatum, Washington's Ken Houston, Chicago's Doug Plank, Dallas' Charlie Waters and Cliff Harris, and practically everybody in the Pittsburgh Steeler secondary enjoy.

Because of the darkness in The Pit, where the light of the TV camera rarely shines, what linemen do to one another seldom becomes known. It's what they do to quarterbacks that helps them gain reputations as intimidators.

Some, however, don't have to do anything special . . . all they have to do is exist. Bear defensive end Doug Atkins, for example, had only to display his mean streak on occasion, and that was enough to sustain the giant's reputation as a man to be humored. San Francisco's 6-foot-9, 280-pound Bob St. Clair frightened everybody just by the way he ate. St. Clair's favorite food was steak . . . uncooked. Anybody tough enough to eat meat raw was tough enough to have the respect of the men who lined up opposite him. And then there was Big Daddy Lipscomb, the legendary defensive tackle of the Baltimore Colts, who once described his defensive style this way: "I just grab me an armload of everybody in the backfield and then I sort 'em out until I come to the one with the ball. I let the rest go and I keep him."

Although the nature of their work allows offensive players far less opportunity for intimidation, they still have



1. Hall of Famer and former Eagles' center and linebacker, Chuck Bednarik, hit Giants' running back Frank Gifford so hard he was out cold for 36 hours.

2. Pittsburgh linebacker Jack Lambert figures if you hit 'em hard enough the first time, they won't come back quite as hard at you the second time. Intimidation is the name of the game.

3. Quite often, however, the hits that are remembered are the accidental ones caused by the size of the players and the speed of the game. And sometimes it is the striking player who is injured.

4. Gene "Big Daddy" Lipscomb was a defensive standout with Baltimore and Pittsburgh. His size was enough to intimidate the offense. He stood 6-6 and weighed 280-290 lbs.



their methods. A player who develops a reputation for blindsides blocks to the knees, for example, will quickly become one of the most feared and most hated players in the league.

There are also other, more honest ways, and they belong primarily to the big fullbacks, the bulldozers who'd rather run over a tackler than try to evade him. There have been many great ones, including John Henry Johnson, Marion Motley, Rick Casares and Larry Csonka, who specialized in running over tacklers, but none was ever better at it than Green Bay's Jim Taylor.

He thrived on the opportunity to punish tacklers. "You have to sting 'em once in a while to make 'em respect you," he said. "If you don't, they'll get control." Taylor probably did more for aspirin sales than any other player who ever carried a football.

Many of the roughhousers who stayed a while in the NFL have been largely forgotten, mainly because they managed to get out before doing any serious damage.

Others weren't so lucky. Chuck Bednarik, for years a great center and linebacker with the Philadelphia Eagles, is remembered as the man whose hit on New York's Frank Gifford left the Giant running back unconscious for 36

hours. Jack Tatum, whose collision with Darryl Stingley last year left the New England wide receiver paralyzed from the neck down, had a reputation as an extremely rough defender before the accident, but it was this legal hit that cemented his reputation as a villain. And George Atkinson, the one-time Oakland defensive back, will be best remembered for the clout to Lynn Swann's head that prompted Pittsburgh coach Chuck Noll to suggest Atkinson might be part of a criminal element, a comment that set the stage for a celebrated lawsuit.

A less severe hit, but one that happens to be captured by a camera, can also earn a lifetime label for a player. Remember the picture of Y.A. Tittle, slumped on his knees, his uniform dirty, his bald head bleeding . . . could Detroit's John Baker (now a sheriff in North Carolina) have been anything but a villain to abuse an old man that way? And what about Cleveland's Joe (Turkey) Jones, whose attempt to spike Terry Bradshaw was shown and re-shown on national TV?

Those were pictures that prompted a million words.

Some of those words came from NFL commissioner Pete Rozelle, who burns whenever he hears suggestions



that he's fiddling while his wondrous league is one step away from becoming a Roman bloodbath.

"I don't believe we're selling violence," he defends. "I believe the prime reason for seeing a football game is action. People like action and a close game, not the feel of physical contact."

And in the years that Rozelle has been commissioner, pro football has taken countless giant strides toward rejoining civilization. There have been many vital changes in the rules, changes designed to reduce injuries.

Since 1962, rules have been added to outlaw grabbing an opponent's facemask, make the dangerous crackback block illegal, make it a foul to rough a ballplayer who has fallen to the ground untouched by running or diving onto him, ban the head slap, outlaw all clipping by wide receivers, and ease the offensive holding rules to permit blockers to give their quarterbacks better protection. And the biggest differences in pro football, 1979, will be a quick whistle to protect quarterbacks from extra roughness, and also rules outlawing all blocking below the waist on kickoffs and punts, prime areas of serious knee injuries in the past. To enforce the added rules, the number of officials gradually has been increased from four to seven.

Most of the rules are supported by fans, who lose so much when their favorite superstars are taken out of action by injuries, but not everybody appreciates all the protective measures being taken.

"Maybe next they ought to put dresses on the quarterbacks," says Jack Lambert.

That might not be violent, but certainly it would be excessive.





# "OH YEAH, SEZ WHO?"

Jack Lambert's remark would seem to be one designed to incite a blood-boiling reaction from your friendly, neighborhood quarterback. Like the 500-pound gorilla who takes whatever seat he pleases, Lambert obviously has no fear of reprisal from those whose feathers he might have ruffled.

Two quarterbacks who might well find fault with Lambert's inference are Steeler people, too. One is Terry Bradshaw, currently the NFL MVP and leader of the Steelers' winning offense in Super Bowl XIII. The other is Bobby Layne, a Steeler hero of yesteryear.

Layne wasn't the world's greatest example of physical condition, and a far cry, bodywise, from Jack Lambert. But Layne had Lambert's absolutely fearless approach to the game and his same habit of using taunts to intimidate the enemy. Layne never was a panty-waist quarterback, and his recklessness on and off the field was something akin to the baseball pitcher

who is a little wild, anyway, and who lets you know it by throwing one of his blazing pre-inning warm-up pitches well over the catcher's head.

Had Lambert made a remark to Layne about quarterbacks wearing dresses, Layne would have had the taunter tarred and feathered by the offensive line in a matter of moments, perhaps even at the momentary sacrifice of the offensive effort.

It was Layne's way of letting the enemy—and his teammates—know that he was, indeed, the boss, and that no one wins or loses the game without getting personally involved with Layne's all-out, sometimes unorthodox effort.

In many ways, Bradshaw is the antithesis of Bobby Layne. Layne saw violence as an opportunity for counter violence. Bradshaw sees violence as a necessary basic ingredient in the game, but an annoyance to the modern quarterback.

Bradshaw is bigger and stronger than Layne and in far better physical

condition than was his predecessor. But Bradshaw is a very spiritual man. At Super Bowl XIII, Bradshaw declared in a nationally televised interview that, in playing football, he was just biding his time—that his Christian beliefs and guidelines took precedence over all grid activity, and stated his pride that there were so many Christians on the rough, tough-image Steeler team.

(Other nationally televised Christian testimonies from Super Bowl XIII were offered by Mel Blount, Donnie Shell, Tony Dungy, John Stallworth, Jon Kolb, Ron Johnson, Tom Landry, Roger Staubach, Mike Ditka, Bob Breunig, Randy Hughes, Guy Brown, Doug Dennison, Jethro Pugh and others.)

What makes this Super Steeler team click? Is it the Shell-Bradshaw-led spiritual influence? Is it the brashness and obvious hard-hitting talent of Lambert, Ham, Greene and company?

# "HOW 'BOUT A TRADE?"

## THE BOBBY LAYNE TRADE

ORIGINAL COST	PLAYER INVOLVED	LION YEARS	DISPOSITION
Free Agent 1948	Bobby Mann	2	Traded ('50) to N.Y. Bulldogs for Bobby Layne
	Bobby Layne	8	Traded ('58) to Pittsburgh for 1) Earl Morrall 2) Pitt 2DC59 3) Pitt 4DC60
	Earl Morrall	7	Three-team trade ('65) to N.Y. Giants for 1) Mike Lucci from Cleveland 2) Darrell Dess from N.Y. Giants 3) N.Y. Giants 4DC66
	Pitt 2DC59—Mike Rabold	1	Traded ('60) to Cards for Carl Brettschneider
	Pitt 4DC60—Roger Brown	7	Traded ('67) to Rams for 1) LA 1DC68 2) LA 3DC68 3) LA 2DC69
	Mike Lucci	9	Retired
	Darrell Dess	0	Traded to Washington in four-man swap, not part of trade-string.
	NYG 4DC66—Doug Van Horn	1	Sold ('67) to N.Y. Giants
	Carl Brettschneider	4	Retired
	LA 1DC68—Earl McCullough	6	Released
	LA 3DC68—Charlie Sanders	10	Retired
	LA 2DC69—Jim Yarbrough	9	Released

Total cost: No draft choices  
Total players: 12  
Total years played: 64

## THE ROMAN GABRIEL TRADE

ORIGINAL COST	PLAYER INVOLVED	RAM YEARS	DISPOSITION
LA 19DC51	Andy Robustelli	5	Traded ('56) to N.Y. Giants for NYG 1DC57
	NYG 1DC57—Del Shofner	4	Traded ('62) to N.Y. Giants for Minn 1DC62
	Minn 1DC62—Roman Gabriel	11	Traded ('73) to Phil. for 1) Harold Jackson 2) Tony Baker 3) Phil 1DC74 4) Phil 1DC75 5) Phil 3DC75
	Harold Jackson	5	Traded ('78) to NE for 1) NE 3DC79 2) NE 4DC80
	Tony Baker	2	Traded ('75) to SD for SD 5DC76
	Phil 1DC74—John Cappelletti	5	Active Ram
	Phil 1DC75—Dennis Harrah	4	Active Ram
	Phil 3DC75—Dan Nugent	0	Traded ('76) to Wash. for 1) Wash 2DC80 2) Wash 3DC80
	NE 3DC79—Mike Wellman	0	Active Ram
	NE 4DC80	0	Future Ram
	SD 5DC76—Carl Ekern	3	Active Ram
	Wash 2DC80	0	Future Ram
	Wash 3DC80	0	Future Ram

Total cost: One 19th round draft choice ('51).  
Total players (including assured future players): 13  
Total years played: 39, plus any future years to come from the services of (1) John Cappelletti, (2) Dennis Harrah, (3) Mike Wellman, (4) Carl Ekern and the future services of three players yet to be selected in the draft: (1) NE 4DC80, (2) Wash 2DC80 and (3) Wash 3DC80.



Roman Gabriel (18)



John Hadl (21)



Bobby Layne (22)

#### THE JOHN HADL TRADE

ORIGINAL COST	PLAYER INVOLVED	RAM YEARS	DISPOSITION
LA 5DC69	LA 5DC69	0	Traded ('68) to Dallas for Coy Bacon
Free agent (1972)	Bob Thomas	1	Traded ('73) with Coy Bacon to SD for John Hadl
	Coy Bacon	5	Traded ('73) with Bob Thomas to SD for John Hadl
	John Hadl	1½	Traded ('74) to G. Bay for 1) GB 1DC75 2) Balt 2DC75 3) GB 3DC75 4) GB 1DC76 5) GB 2DC76
	GB 1DC75—Mike Fanning	4	Active Ram
	Balt 2DC75—Monte Jackson	3	Traded ('78) to Oakl. for 1) Oak 1DC79 2) Oak 3DC80 3) Oak 2DC81
	GB 3DC75—Geoff Reece	1	Traded ('77) with LA 2DC77 to Seat. for Seat. 2DC77
LA 2DC77	LA 2DC77	0	Traded ('77) with Geoff Reece to Seat. for Seat. 2DC77
	GB 1DC76	0	Traded ('75) to Detr. for Ron Jessie
	GB 2DC76—Pat Thomas	3	Active Ram
	Oakl 1DC79 George Andrews	0	Active Ram
	Oakl 3DC80	0	Future Ram
	Oakl 2DC81	0	Future Ram
	Seat 2DC77—Nolan Cromwell	2	Active Ram
	Ron Jessie	4	Active Ram

Total cost: One 5th draft choice ('69) and one 2nd draft choice ('77)

Total players (including assured future players): 12

Total years played: 24½, plus any future years to come from the services of (1) Mike Fanning, (2) Pat Thomas, (3) George Andrews, (4) Nolan Cromwell, (5) Ron Jessie and the future services of two players yet to be selected in the draft: (1) Oak 3DC80 and (2) Oak 2DC81.

#### TRADE-STRINGS

Bobby Layne spent most of his NFL years with the Detroit Lions, and was a part of the most fascinating trade-string yet uncovered in NFL history.

A trade-string is the extended life of an original free-agent signing or an original draft choice. If a player is traded for someone who later is traded, all the accumulating years of play are added to the original "cost" to form a trade-string. Only at the end of a trade-string, often many years later, can an NFL trade be evaluated.

An accompanying chart shows that Layne was acquired by the Lions in an even-up trade for Bobby Mann, who had been signed as a free agent. When Layne was traded for a player and two draft choices, it was the start of a trade-string which only within the last year ended officially, with the retirement of Charlie Sanders and release of Jim Yarbrough. The Lions received 64 years of service from one free-agent signing in 1948, thanks to astute trading.

Likewise, the Los Angeles Rams, in two famous Don Klosterman trades of Rams quarterbacks (Roman Gabriel and John Hadl), furthered two trade-strings which, in time, well may exceed Detroit's 64-year mark. If NFL buffs know of other such amazing trade-strings, we'd like to know of them.



# THE SUPER STEELERS...A CONTROVERSIAL LIFESTYLE

THE COAL-MINER IMAGE OF RUGGEDNESS? THE INNER

CIRCLE OF CHRISTIAN STRENGTH? WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO CREATE THE STEELER SUPER STATUS?



by Phil Musick

"Whatever it takes."

—Charles Henry Noll  
Head Coach, Pittsburgh Steelers

**Y**ears ago, when they were mostly cynics and before they collected all those Vince Lombardi trophies, they used to snicker when they said it. It was the punch line for a dozen bawdy jokes, and when they were frustrated by losing or by his constant demands, they would break it off in Chuck Noll's hide in locker-room asides delivered from curled lips.

Ultimately, they came to believe in it as a personal philosophy. The way you either believe in honesty or soft con or expediency as the best method to get what you want from life. If it was corny and largely inexplicable, it worked.

Charles Henry Noll made them believe in it. Sacrifice, he told them. Measure all things in life against a single yardstick . . . the good of the team. Get meaner, quicker, smarter, tougher, cagier. Lift, run, eat, diet, think more, think less, depend on the other 10, depend on yourself, believe, question . . . **whatever it takes.**

He started preaching it to them in 1969, the year he quit an assistant coach's job with the Baltimore Colts and started rebuilding a Pittsburgh Steeler team which across 39 winters hadn't won a championship of any sort.

Listen to me, do as I ask, and we'll win, he told them that first year. They won their opener and lost 13 straight, and that spring he got rid of the non-believers and told their replacements "do whatever it takes."

It meant a thousand things . . . still does. To a baby-faced offensive line-

man named Jim Clack, it meant lifting weights and drinking gallons of a diet supplement called Nutrament. Clack went from 215 to 255 in a year. To Noll, personally, it meant listening to the advice of scouts when his own instincts screamed a contrary message. In 1972, he wanted to draft a stumpy fullback named Robert Newhouse. The scouts said "Franco Harris." Harris was a dancer, Newhouse a plunger. Noll listened. He threw a telephone against a wall a few days later when there was contract trouble with Harris, but he listened.

"Whatever it takes."

By and by, it became accepted by the troops. It was the Steeler way. If Dallas was a computer, the Pittsburgh



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Steelers were a cliché. Do or say something contrary to the good of the team, you were gone. Immediately, if a decent replacement was at hand; in a year, if he wasn't. But gone. Corner-

man John Rowser—D.J. for Dirty John—violently argued with an assistant coach one afternoon during training camp in 1972. "He's gone," the assistant said hours later. The next year,

Rowser was, indeed, gone. In 1977, defensive backs Jimmy Allen and Glen Edwards were vocal and discordant during contract hassles; both were traded. National Football League Players Association officials Preston Pearson and Tom Keating didn't survive the 1974 labor-management struggle and ensuing strike.

"It means you don't take no for an answer . . . that 'no' is unacceptable to you," Noll once explained his unique philosophy.

If it was an elusive definition, in time the Steelers understood its nuances and accepted it, some of them rather blindly. "You refuse to be denied," says Joe Greene, long the club spokesman of record and the Steeler most adept at finding the team pulse. "Whatever it is, you don't allow yourself to be denied. A clipping penalty . . . a pinched nerve . . . a bad call . . . trouble with your wife . . . whatever. You get it done."



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**1. Steeler Lynn Swann waves the "terrible towels" after Pittsburgh's victory over Houston for the AFC Championship. Lynn, of course, is a very visible part of the "image."**

**2. Owner, Art Rooney, (seen holding the first of three Lombardi trophies) has given coach Chuck Noll everything Noll has requested in the way of equipment and personnel.**

**3. Head coach Chuck Noll, flanked by Franco Harris (32), John Stallworth (82) and Lynn Swann (88), paces the sidelines dressed no warmer than his players. A point that impressed ex-linebacker Andy Russell.**

**4. The Pittsburgh Steelers are not a collection of superstars, but a team of standouts who submerge their individual identities on the field for the good of the organization.**





"Chuck's instilled that in us. We believe it. It's worked."

So it has, the Steelers last January having become the first team in Prince Peter Rozelle's domain to have won three Super Bowls. What separates them from the other good clubs? Personality, perhaps.

They have one, have a unity, a singleness of purpose collected under that simple banner: Whatever it takes. Losers seem to lack a collective personality; the dominant clubs less of one than possessed by the Steelers.

Sure, Oakland is all silver and black paranoia, but too many Raiders sneer or grin benignly at owner Al Davis' mirror shades and Machiavellian tendencies. Miami is cerebral, but if intelligence was all there is to it, MIT would probably win the national championship every year. The Cowboys are a printout of talented execution, but they've lost two Super Bowls to Pittsburgh in four years.

Where do the Steelers get that edge for which National Football League coaches so desperately search? Certainly a portion of it comes from Noll, from his approach, which places a heavy emphasis on the value of game preparation for its own sake... the satisfaction coming from the reach as much as the grasp.

"When I was a player, after games I'd shower and get on the bus and feel empty," he says. "We'd worked so hard for something and then it was over so quickly."

If a coach's philosophy can be said to rotate on a small group of elements, Noll's turns on perhaps five: preparation, confidence, camaraderie, intimidation and... strange though it may sound... fun.

No NFL club is better prepared than the Steelers. Noll doesn't make as much money as a few other coaches, but not even George Allen spent more of the owners' dollars trying to assure success. There is no facility, no piece of equipment, no support personnel the Steelers need that they don't have. "They have never denied me anything I asked for," Noll says of the Rooneys, Art and sons, who own and operate the club.

Noll carries preparation beyond Xs and Os. The coaches wear what the players wear. "That always impressed me about Chuck," says Andy Russell, known as The Thinking Man's Linebacker until he retired after the 1977 season. "On the coldest, wettest days, he never wore anything heavier than the players... always would be as cold or sweaty or dirty as we were. That tells a player something about a coach."

Not a major factor, certainly, but part of whatever it takes. As is the fact that Noll chooses what hotels the club stays in, what time they travel, and observes whatever curfews he places upon the players. All fines, changes of personnel and anything else which affects the team are announced at meetings before anyone else is told. There is not the total us-against-the-world stance adopted by Oakland, but there is enough paranoia that Noll has told his players that a newspaper reporter almost cost them a game and convinced them they play well in front of hostile crowds. "We just like to play in front of enthusiastic fans," he explains. Says one Steeler veteran: "He's gotten us thinking along these lines... we'll slip into a town, kick their butts good, smile at their fans, and slip out of town."

Like most of his contemporaries, Noll keeps his distance from the players, but about the time they begin to think he is a martinet, he'll will boogie in front of defensive end Dwight White's tape player or delight safetyman Mike Wagner by recalling all of the old candy bars of the 1940s.

"I like Chuck," Joe Greene says fondly.

Other Steelers are something less than fond of him, but he has had the veterans' respect for years. As one of

them says, "We listen to him. We believe him. I wouldn't want to go out and have a beer with him, but if I died, I'd want him to raise my kids."

Practices never have been long, always intense, Noll occasionally losing his composure and bitterly berating a player with, as one veteran puts it, "the coldest eyes I've ever seen."

Preparation, then, produces victory which, of course, produces confidence. In the case of the Steelers, sometimes an eerie amount of it. Obviously much of their confidence stems from success. They have set a record for reaching the playoffs seven consecutive seasons. Still, playing a game with a ball pointed at both ends and fat in the middle should bring a certain lack of self-assurance with it. Not to the Steelers, or most of them.

Since winning Super Bowl IX, almost to a man they've been convinced of their own invincibility. When they lose, it is inevitably because they did not pay the price of winning, never because an opponent was, on that day, simply better.

Listen to Greene, who explains it better than anyone: "It's going to be a

**1. Cowboys' safety Cliff Harris is not at all hesitant about admitting that his team was intimidated by the Pittsburgh Steelers in SB XIII.**

**2. Rugged Steeler quarterback Terry Bradshaw and defensive tackle "Mean Joe Greene" are close friends. Bradshaw is the team leader on the field, and Greene is the acknowledged leader and spokesman off the field.**

**3. Having Jack Lambert leering at you while matching stride for stride is bound to intimidate a running back. Jack claims his dirty player tag stems from his playing on a very physical team.**

**4. Linebacker Jack Ham remembers that Penn State players camaraderie came from a mutual dislike of coach Joe Paterno. Noll may have like effect.**



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hell of a football game . . . for a while." He made that statement the day before the last Super Bowl.

"Sometimes we just know we're going to win . . . that it doesn't matter what the other team does, we'll win. Whatever way we have to. I thought all week before the Super Bowl that we were going to win and probably win big. It's been like that since 1974 when we beat Oakland out there in the AFC championship game. We knew there was no way we could lose.

"I don't know if I can explain that feeling. You get it because you know you have to have it."

"Whatever it takes."

Quite possibly a team which adopts such an attitude transmits it to the opposition. That may seem naive, but following Super Bowl X, veteran Dallas players such as Cliff Harris admitted the Cowboys had "been intimidated."

Intimidation is a Steeler theme. They are perhaps the game's most physical team. Or, as they've often been accused of, the dirtiest. Periodically, they've been guilty of what has been regarded as excessive violence. Greene sucker-punching Denver guard Paul Howard into a motionless heap two years ago on national television. Glen Edwards clotheslining Cincinnati quarterback Ken Anderson far beyond the sideline two years before. Middle linebacker Jack Lambert throwing Cliff Harris on his neck in Super Bowl X after the Cowboy safetyman had playfully slapped Roy Gerela on the helmet following a missed field goal attempt.

Lambert, who's been involved in a couple of bar fights in Pittsburgh, vehemently denies a "dirty" label hung on the Steelers by several NFL teams, most notably, Cleveland.

"We aren't dirty," he says. "But we play tough, physical football . . . the way the game is meant to be played."

Privately, the Steelers have thought for years that they simply could handle some clubs, most notably, Cleveland. But Greene feels the word intimidation has been misused.

"The media does it," he says. "It's not some form of bullying. A football player is intimidated by being disrupted. He's hit hard enough and consistently enough that he's hurting and tired and maybe a bit confused. Or quickness overcomes him. He can't do what he does best."

When the Cowboys strongly implied the Steelers went beyond the accepted norm in roughness, Greene smiled and Lambert snarled. "Maybe if we play too rough, Dallas should move into another league," was Lambert's response. Thought Greene, "Intimidation is a losers' alibi."

Lacking much of a need for alibis, the Steelers have become a rather closely knit aggregate, on the field and off. There has been no racial tension on a Noll-coached team, ironic in that the Steelers once had a head coach who hired a black ballboy for the expressed purpose of running his hand over the man's head before the games for luck.

When quarterback Joe Gilliam was having drug problems in 1974, his sternest critics were the black veterans. And when Terry Bradshaw was having confidence problems later that season, his staunchest supporters were the black veterans. Particularly Greene, the strongest voice in the dressing room, who said after Pittsburgh fans applauded a Bradshaw injury, "That's sickening. Sure, there have been times when I've wanted to strangle him . . . but he's our quarterback . . . and he's the guy who's going to make us a winner."

Bradshaw and Greene are close friends, and black and white Steelers

were routinely rooming together on the road when such an incidence was making headlines in baseball.

"We're so close because we all hate Chuck," laughs one Steeler, and there's probably a kernel of truth in it. Linebacker Jack Ham admitted a couple of years ago that Penn State players had a particular camaraderie because of a dislike for coach Joe Paterno and he said "it's something like that here."

But whatever it takes is broad enough in scope to include disparate thinking and lifestyles. For years, the Steelers led the NFL in gaudy dress—running back Frenchy Fuqua was given to shoes with plastic heels full of goldfish and capes—but as a rookie, linebacker Loren Toews once made a road trip carrying only a toothbrush, stuck in a pocket of his T-shirt.

"I want our players to be themselves," says Noll, sartorially nondescript. "We're not interested in robots . . . stereotypes."

Noll also is uninterested in individual glory, for anyone, and that, too, has come to be accepted by everyone connected with the club. Al Davis' name is used 24 times in the first five pages of the *Oakland Press Guide*; there is no biography of Steeler president Dan Rooney in the *Pittsburgh Guide*. Noll does no commercials. Postseason laurels—there were no fewer than 10 Steelers in the Pro Bowl—are largely received with a "that's nice" by not only Noll, but the players.

"Sure, everyone wants to be all-pro, but that's not what it's all about on this football team," Greene says. "That's not the way Chuck built this team."

"All week before the last Super Bowl, some of us tried to tell the national press about our offensive line. It's tremendous . . . the best. Nobody believed us, but it was true. We knew how important the line was because we knew it could handle the Dallas flex.

"This isn't a team of individuals."

Nor of superstars, because they are not part of whatever it takes. Greene? No. Not long ago Noll caught him going into the training camp dorm with a pizza. It was 11:02. Curfew was 11:00. Noll told Greene, "I hope that pizza's good . . . it just cost you 25 bucks."

So, whatever it takes, is fining Joe Greene, and an unknown guard adding 40 pounds of muscle in one year, and a coach stemming his strongest impulse, and playing it very tough. Getting it done.

The Steelers believe in it. It works. Perhaps as a rallying point against those moments when it's cold and they're hurting and down by six and the clock is running to zero. Perhaps because they need to believe it to make it work.

Perhaps because it has brought three Super Bowl rings.





# "HATS OFF TO THE FOUR"

Nowhere in sports is there a team position so unappreciated by the fans at large as that of offensive tackle. The man who plays the position so well that the coaches rave about him may have played the whole game without the most intense fan really noticing whether he has played well.

Jon Kolb of the Steelers had one bad moment in his Super Bowl XIII head-to-head battle with Dallas' famous Harvey Banks Martin. But in the rest of the game, Kolb played Martin as if he owned him, and in a 35-21 final score, that much domination by one man might have been the difference between victory and defeat.

Pro Football's Hall of Fame recognizes offensive tackles. Although the platoon system for linemen has been in effect for just a little more than 30 years, the Hall already has inducted Roosevelt Brown, Forrest Gregg and Lou Groza (also, of course, famous as a placekicker) and this year has added the AFL's first premier offensive tackle, Ron Mix, who was the main man in the San Diego Chargers' offensive line for 10 years.

Also inducted this year are linebacker Dick Butkus, defensive back Yale Lary and quarterback Johnny Unitas, one of the strongest four-man lists of inductees since the Hall was opened.

**Dick Butkus**—Former Los Angeles Ram all-pro guard Tom Mack says, "Dick was the toughest man I ever tried to block. When I was at Michigan and he was at Illinois, I marveled at his agility and speed and arm strength. They say blocking him was like hitting a brick wall if you could get to him. My problem was the same most offensive linemen had with Butkus. You couldn't get to him. He held you away from him with his arms and his moves. And he was the same with the Bears—maybe more so."

Butkus' greatest enemy was the violent world of knee injuries. Normally, nine years of pro football is a long career. But Butkus was at the peak of his devastating game when injuries forced his retirement. He left the active scene at the top: the best linebacker in the pros, and maybe the best of all time.

**Yale Lary**—Most punters of today are classified by scouts on two criteria: the average distance of his punts, and hang-time. Seldom is a punter found to be a leader in both categories, and

when there's a choice, the nod goes to the man who hangs the ball in the air for the longest elapsed time between the kick and the completed descent. But Yale Lary was one of the very first to be an undisputed leader both ways. His distance average for a full career of 503 punts was an incredible 44.28 yards (second highest of all-time behind Sammy Baugh) and his hang-time (no official stats are kept) resulted in constant frustration for the would-be punt returner who had to settle for a Lary fair catch as a matter of routine.

But Lary had other talents. He was fast and maneuverable and in his early years was one of the NFL's top kick-return specialists. Fortunately, he didn't have to call for as many fair catches as did his opponents. But even with all these specialist talents, Lary

probably would have received strong Hall of Fame consideration on his defensive backfield accomplishments alone. In eleven seasons with the Lions, he intercepted 50 passes and the figure would have been much higher had the opposing passers felt they could safely throw more often into his area of coverage. Lary was a triple threat player, and excelled in all three areas of contribution.

**Johnny Unitas**—In baseball, Joe DiMaggio's all-around ability earned him all-time greatness, but the most incredible of his marks was a 56-game hitting streak in 1941. Pete Rose notwithstanding, that is the baseball batting record least likely to be challenged during any lifetime. In the NFL, the equivalent is Johnny Unitas' amazing streak of throwing at least one TD pass in each of 47 consecutive

## 1979 INDUCTEES—PRO FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME



**DICK BUTKUS**  
Illinois—LB  
Chicago Bears 1965-1973



**YALE LARY**  
Texas A&M—DB/P  
Detroit Lions 1952-53,  
56-64



**RON MIX**  
Southern California—OT  
Los Angeles/San Diego  
Chargers 1960-69  
Oakland Raiders 1971



**JOHNNY UNITAS**  
Louisville—QB  
Baltimore Colts 1956-72  
San Diego Chargers 1973

games, 1956-60. Unitas' name appears at or close to the top in many lifetime statistics, but it was not as a mark-maker but as a team leader, play-caller and pressure passer that Unitas was named by many as the greatest quarterback of all time.

Unitas is the only quarterback in NFL history to lead his team to the NFL championship in a season in which his team passed more often than it ran. In doing so, he proved that in the right hands, and with the right primary receiver (Raymond Berry), passing could be a vital part of a ball control system of offense. To Unitas and Berry, the quick-out, the hitch and other sideline patterns were as safe and as sure as an Alan Ameche smash up the middle when short (but certain) yardage was needed. With Unitas' ability to execute to the goals of his

dreams and schemes, Baltimore was a dominant team in the NFL.

**Ron Mix**—As rare as Joe DiMaggio's 56-game streak and Unitas' 47-game TD mark, Ron Mix holds a unique distinction not shown in the record books. In his first nine AFL seasons, the star offensive tackle was penalized for holding only twice. But if that conjures up a picture of a timid blocker, erase it. Mix probably was the very best offensive lineman in the history of the American Football League.

Mix was more than just an outstanding blocker and pass protector. He gave the Chargers leadership, and was one of the few college graduates to be called "pros" the minute they walk into pro camp as rookies. As a budding lawyer-to-be, Mix was a counselor to teammates in

player-management relationships and was a molder of attitudes on the field. Lean and fit today, Mix is establishing himself in the legal world with the same authority he displayed in handling defensive linemen throughout his Charger career.

Excepting for Butkus' image as a physically dominant entity, this year's Hall of Fame inductees are the antitheses of our thematic "look at violence." But there is an offensive lineman in today's NFL whose image fits our theme as if it had been tailored for him. He is the man who was an inspiration to our theme-profile featured subject in *Petersen's Baseball - 1979*, Al Hrabosky, the Mad Hungarian pitcher of the Kansas City Royals. He is Conrad Dobler and he is not the most popular buddy of the NFL's defensive left tackles.

## "A MEMORABLE VISIT"

### HALL OF FAME EXPANDS

A member of this publication's staff says, "I have lost track of the number of times I have visited the Pro Football Hall of Fame. And I still am torn between making my visits on the annual induction week-end and making them between seasons. In one instance you get the thrill of being in the midst of so many great names who attend the ceremonies and the annual reunion of inductees. But when you go at a more quiet time, you have a chance to spend hours concentrating on all those hundreds of displays you've never had time to examine in depth."

Our man probably will continue to check the Hall frequently as long as it continues to revise and expand.

Last November the Hall added a fourth building, increasing the space to more than 50,000 square feet, with 70% more display area.

For the pro football buff who never has included Canton, Ohio in his vacation plans, a veteran visitor has only compassion and a little sorrow. The thirst for nostalgia at the Hall is never satisfied, only because the Hall never stops revising and improving its displays—and never seems to stop expanding.

Once a year, the Super Bowl is the hub of pro football. All year long, the Hall of Fame at Canton is the hub of pro football's hallowed history. If you're a buff, don't miss it.





# CONRAD DOBLER... PRO FOOTBALL'S MR. VIOLENCE

WHEN HE TRIED TO BE A NICE GUY USING TECHNIQUES, HE WAS CUT FROM THE SQUAD. BUT HE CAME BACK AS THE GAME'S NO. 1 STREET FIGHTER, AND MADE IT



by Bob Marshall

"I won't send flowers if someone breaks Dobler's neck."

—Merlin Olsen

"You have to watch out for him . . . especially after the whistle blows."

—Lee Roy Jordan

"What you need when you play Dobler is a string of garlic beads and wooden stakes."

—Doug Sutherland

"How does he get away with it?"

—Tom Brookshier

The stack is high, heavy enough to win a gold star at an eighth grader's paper drive. Though the type face and headline sizes may vary, the subject is always the same: a professional athlete considered the "dirtiest player" in his sport. Each article recounts deeds of violence so vile, so unwarranted, they are considered a breach of conduct in a sport won or lost by the application of physical force. Each article is an epistle on the most basic kind of hand-to-hand combat, kicking, gouging, spitting, tripping, punching and scratching. Each article replays a string of commandments, like:

—If a guy gets past you, grab his facemask, not his jersey.

—Sure, I've done all those things, but the important thing is not to get caught.

—I don't beat my wife . . . although sometimes I'd like to if I thought she'd live through it.

—It's a war down there; kill or be killed.

Surely the subject of these stories is someone to be booed and vanquished. A man so villainous the people are crying for his exile.

Or are they?

The clippings are from every major newspaper in the United States. From the *Washington Post* and *New York Times* to the *Chicago Tribune* and the *Los Angeles Times*. From magazines

that cater to the sports fan—*Sports Illustrated*, *SPORT* and *The Sporting News*—to general news publications like *TIME* and *Newsweek*. In the same editions which spent small fortunes and lavished intensive coverage on SALT II, the Middle East peace talks, a pope's death, a possible cure for cancer and the soaring, tragic rate of inflation, there are columns, inches, even pages dedicated to one Conrad Francis Dobler, and the merry mixups which occur on the gridiron when he inserts fingers into opponents' eyes, clamps teeth on the forearms of defensive tackles, stretches out a leg to trip linebackers or lands an uppercut under the facemask of a defensive end.

In the span of seven short seasons, as much (or more) has been written about Dirty Dobler as was ever scribbled about Jim Taylor, Fuzzy Thurston, Reggie MacKenzie or Walt Sweeney.

Football fans have an unending appetite for all things that are Dobler, so much so that last season—a year he spent riding on the New Orleans bench with his leg in a cast—he was still actively sought as a speaker, as an interview. While others with more talent, with finer skills, with no "mean streaks" performed, Dobler was the subject of the camera's glare.

"The fans enjoy me—they like me and pull for me—for one reason," Dobler says without a flinch, "because I'm a little guy. I'm one of the underdogs, a poor working slob who's finally gotten a little of the glory, a piece of that spotlight."

"They can identify with me. They know my story."

That story began in 1972 when Dobler, a St. Louis Cardinals No. 5 draft choice, left his alma mater, Wyoming, certain he soon would be a starting defensive tackle for the Cards. Two

days before the season opener, however, he was heading back to Wyoming. His tryout had been at offensive guard, and the six weeks of training camp hadn't been enough to complete the transition. He was just getting ready to put his "A" average in political science to use in law school when the Cardinals called him back.

"On the return trip, I made the best decision of my career: I decided to return to my own style of football," Dobler recalls. "In college, I was a fighter, a scrapper. I didn't try to finesse anyone, I just tried to beat their heads in. When I got to St. Louis the first time, I changed that. I was trying to finesse, trying to show off technique."

"And I was trying to be nice. I didn't want to make any enemies. Well, that trip home told me a lot. I was out of a job, and the other SOB's were working. If I got the chance to try again, I wasn't going to give anyone a break except Conrad Dobler."

Injuries had opened the spot on the roster for his return, and an injury pushed him into the starting lineup five games into the regular season. "When I got out there, I just let my instincts



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take over," he smiles. "I was being me for the first time since college."

"That's the way I've played it ever since."

As the Cardinal offensive line began to mesh, Dobler began to gain the respect of his teammates. He was a fighter, an offensive lineman with the temperament of a defensive lineman. At the same time, however, opponents began to grumble about his play. He was getting his job done, but at what cost? More than one end watched himself being leg-whipped at Monday film sessions; Dobler's teeth marks were showing up from Minneapolis to Miami.

By 1974, he already was widely known among pro players as a competitor who would—and did—do everything to win. Clubhouse conversation between defensive linemen centered on ways to get even, on favorite Dobler tricks to avoid. But this was all privileged information. At that time, athletes kept their personal grudges exactly that: personal.

The story exploded in the media during the 1975 season. First, Minnesota defensive tackle Doug Sutherland tired of finding teeth marks and ankle bruises on his body after encounters with the Cards' devil. "He comes at you like a dozen knuckleballs," Suther-

land began, before adding, "What you need when you play Dobler is a string of garlic beads and a wooden stake."

Television picked up the story in a hurry. Several weeks later, when the Cards performed on Monday night, Alex Karras added this comment to a pre-game picture of Dobler: "This is Conrad Dobler, fans, the dirtiest player in the league." All that night, ABC's instant replay cameras caught Dobler playing his violent game.

From that moment on, Dobler's career took off. Each week a new corps of sportswriters interviewed him, each week they found him great copy. If he was dirty, at least he was honest; if he was brutal on the field, at least he was witty and charming in the interview room. His picture was as widely circulated as that of O.J. Simpson or Joe Namath. Each time his Burt Reynolds-like grin appeared in a publication, the cutline invariably read "the NFL's dirtiest player."

"He should be exposed for what he is," Lee Roy Jordan had complained.

**1. Conrad Dobler's sense of humor and incredible feats on the gridiron have catapulted him into prominence. He is much in demand by interviewers who know he'll be quotable and witty.**

**2. After miffing his first chance with the St. Louis Cardinals, Conrad vowed if he got another chance at the pros, he'd forget finesse and revert to his natural style. He got the chance and kept his promise.**

**3. Traded to the Saints, Dobler (66) suffered a knee injury early in the season ('78), but was still visible on speaker's rostrums.**

**4. Dobler and Saints' teammate Chuck Muncie (left) receive attention from assistant trainer Paul Jorgenson. Dobler calls Encampment, Wyoming home, and amazes friends with his sensitivity and business know-how.**

"Let the fans know what he does, and there'll be no place for him in football."

But a strange thing began to happen. The more the fans heard about this "meanest man in football," the more they flocked to his banner. In addition to gaining the respect of his fellow pros (obvious by his selection as a Pro Bowl starter for three consecutive years) Dobler was becoming a legitimate hero.

The fans seemed to thirst for his kind of violence.

"This is the first time an underdog has fought back," Dobler explains. "You know, offensive linemen were the guys no one ever gave a darn about. For as long as I could remember, there were only two or three offensive linemen who ever got any notice. We're the unsung SOBs who go out, work and slug it out, get our hands dirty and go home with nothing more than our paychecks."

"We didn't get the headlines, but we were the guys who made things happen. I think a lot of fans could identify with that."

New Orleans fans seem typical.

"The great thing about Dobler is that he's out there fightin' and bustin' a gut for you," a patron sitting in the smoky heights of the Superdome's Terrace Level, says. "He's earnin' his money, and the other guy better watch out."

"You come out there on Sunday and you want to see the Saints give someone hell. At least with Dobler in there, you know someone's catchin' it."

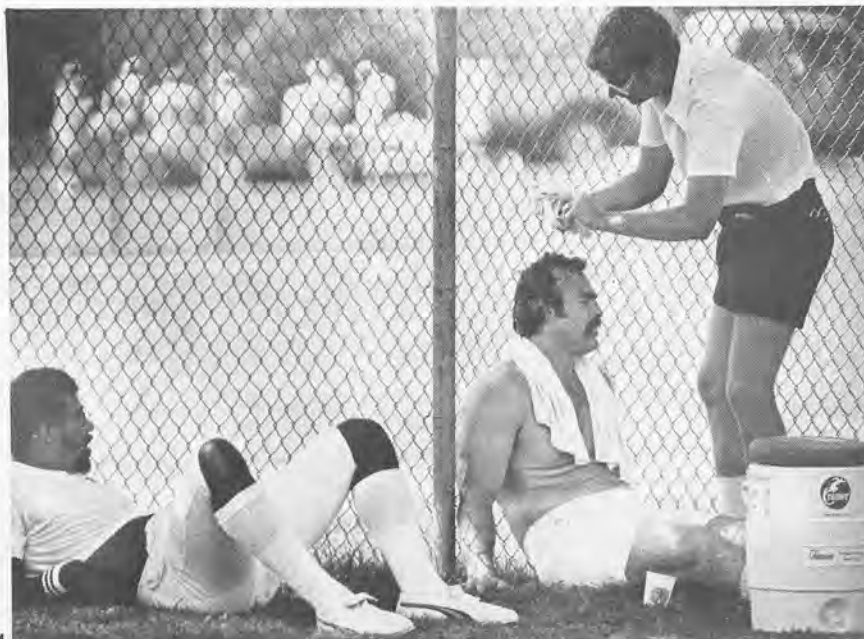
It is a brief, yet revealing summary of what the NFL means to its millions, an analysis that would fit comfortably in the note pads of psychologists who have studied the sport. Their observations point out that the NFL originally gained its popularity in the big cities. It



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was a working class sport which blossomed in the early '60s, in the days of men like Vince Lombardi and Jim Taylor, Jim Brown, Ray Nitschke and Dick Butkus, our surrogate samurai. Our memories of the NFL are thrilling collages of old, browned pictures showing men with mud and blood on their faces and hands; the mud of hard work, the blood of the struggle. People from steel mills understood this. People from urban centers, isolated from a uniquely American ancestral thirst for challenge and conquest, found a substitute to satisfy this urge for struggle and triumph.

By the beginning of the '70s, however, their gladiators began to change. "Play-me-or-trade-me" grew into "pay-me-or-trade-me." The game began to leave its origins. Mud and grass were replaced by a living room carpet. Finally, the game was moved indoors, under a roof. There were agents, lawyers, brief cases, freedom strikes, graduate degrees. Players no longer could be looked upon as surrogate heroes, the macho image we want to see boxing back in the bathroom mirror. They wore Pierre Cardin suits, they had their hair waved, they spoke with polished accents on "the meaning" of the game. Familiarity began to breed contempt.

Then, along came Dobler.

He was a return to things that made football our Sunday passion. Here was a man willing to be the gladiator, and he was honest about it. He would sacrifice and inflict pain to get the job done. He was speaking to our instincts, and he is smart enough to realize it.

"I've got to laugh when I hear some of these pros saying that the media made me," he says. "First of all, I made all-pro by a vote of the players and coaches. But, that's beside the point. Every time they open their mouths and complain about me, they add fuel to the fire.

"It was actually the other players who made me, because they brought my name to the attention of the media. They made me a folk hero.

"And I think it's easy to see why. Who is the fan, anyway? He's the little guy, too: the underdog; the factory worker. This is the guy who's in the trenches every day in life, fighting, working, scratching to get ahead. This is the guy taking the hot metal from the furnace. When someone at the factory wins a lottery, or makes a break and rises to the top, everyone loves it because it's one of them—the little guys—finally getting a piece of the spotlight.

"They can pull for me because they know what I'm going through down there as an offensive lineman. They

know what it means to get their butts dirty and to have some prima donnas trying to kick them around.

"They know what it means to fight it out." And kick, and bite and scratch, all of which Dobler has done, apparently to the delight of his growing number of fans.

There was the time in New York when the Giants and Cardinals were waiting for the last seconds to vanish from the 1974 season. Players were shaking hands. Jim Pietrzak, a rookie Giant defender, reached across to wish Dobler good luck in the playoffs. Dobler punched Pietrzak in the throat. The gun went off. Dobler said "Thanks."

The reputation grows, the violence grows. So does the fan following.

"The fans like to see good hard hitting," he says. "They like to see snot-bubblers—you get hit so hard, a little bubble of snot comes out of your nose.

"And, in spite of what you might have heard, I don't go out to try to hurt someone. No one likes to see anyone get hurt. I'm not the type of guy who will go out there and just start something. I've never been classified as completely crazy, someone who eats glass or sets himself on fire.

"I've often wished I were that bad—that B-A-D—that I could go out and intentionally break someone's leg. If I were, watch out! When I walked into a bar, I'd sit where I wanted to."

The bar he walks into in Encampment, Wyoming, up in the Rockies outside of Laramie, is called Block 11. He sits where he wants to in Block 11, because he owns it. Dobler also owns a radio station in Laramie, and a handsome house which he, his wife Linda and his son Mark call home. He is as quick with his wits in the business

world as he is with his fists on the football field. He amazes business associates, in everything from broadcasting to oil exploration, with his ability to organize quickly, concentrate, and complete widely varying tasks. He further astounds new acquaintances with his politeness, his intelligent, soft spok-

**1. Dobler's pretty wife, Linda, says Conrad is a very sensitive person. Dobler defends his football image by claiming, "It's the game that's dirty, not me!" He also claims that the fans root for him because he's a "little guy" who has made it.**

**2. Seemingly with an endless supply of very witty and quotable remarks, Dobler is sought out by media folks and thus his fame is spread throughout the land. Rather than turning against him for his street fighter tactics, fans applaud him at games.**

**3. There is no truth to the rumor that Dobler's left hand is bandaged because he's so mean that he plays Frisbee with a buzz-saw blade. But true or not, stories continue to spread and his fame as one of the game's violent players keeps apace.**

**4. Swinging into action after missing most of the '78 season, Conrad Dobler will doubtlessly draw increased fan attention. Game officials likewise will be watching him very closely.**



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en conversation, his sensitivity to those around him.

"Yes, he is a very sensitive person," his wife says. "I can even imagine him crying."

Dobler is surprised by the reaction that line brings.

"Let's get one thing straight," he has said many times. "It's the game that's dirty, not me. Professional football is not a nice game. It's not played by nice people."

"If it were, it would be a very dull game."

And he readily admits the reason for his tremendous notoriety and fan popularity is tied up in those three statements on the game. If Alex Karras had called him "the greatest guard in football" or "the nicest guy in football" that night four years ago, Dobler would still be an unsung offensive lineman. A good, effective player hated by a large majority of the defensive linemen in the

NFL—but still unknown by the public.

"You wouldn't be interviewing me now if it wasn't colorful," he concedes. "Why would you want to interview someone who is mild and meek-mannered on the field, someone no one ever hears about?"

"Who the hell would want to read about that, anyway? Football is a game of controlled violence. The fans come out to see people get knocked around. It's the same reason they go to see fights. They like the excitement and the promise of controlled violence."

"Football is fighting, but with pads on."

Dobler's fights almost always are crowd pleasers. There was the one, two years ago in a Thanksgiving Day match between the Dolphins and the Cards. Dobler was going against Miami's rookie defensive end, A.J. Duhe. Ejected after starring as the central figure in two brawls, Dobler, Duhe claimed, "should be fined \$6000 a second for the things he does."

"I was saying things to him and cursing him, too. At first, he was laughing. Then he said, 'I'm gonna get you, son.'"

"One time the play had been blown dead and he just came flying at me and speared me. That's a low-class guy."

Dobler is non-plussed when that comment, or any of the many others, is brought up.

"If you're going to play football, you get accustomed to a lot of things," comes the familiar reply.

"Football is a controlled type of violence."

"You can't kill anyone, and that's about the limit they put on it."

Which seems to be the limit Dobler practices. For the fans who have come to watch him play, it seems the only limit which disappoints. But it will do.

Their hero, their factory worker, is breaking through. He is grabbing the spotlight and kicking the prima donnas at the same time. He isn't wielding a brief case, but a fist encased in a cast. His fingers aren't covered with diamonds, but with scars from surgery to repair and replace torn ligaments.

The media watching his actions shakes its collective head. They are calling him dirty, cheap, labeling him an opportunist. Many curse themselves "for creating a monster." Others wonder if the fans, who are giving him a standing ovation as he leaves the Superdome, aren't his real masters.

It doesn't really matter. What Conrad Dobler produces is selling. Each punch, each kick, each trip outshines all the clean blocks. His special kind of violence, in a game which keeps orthopedic surgeons in business, is booming.

Just check any newspaper or magazine. Any.

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# "NO GAME FOR SISSIES"

If the first part of the American League baseball season was any indication, business is booming, also, for Conrad Dobler's baseball counterpart, Al Hrabosky, the Mad Hungarian. The Mad Kansas City reliever started off like Code 3 this year and was among the early league leaders in ERA and other related pitching stats.

In Petersen's Pro Baseball '79, on the newsstand this summer, Hrabosky, a pro football buff, declared that Dobler is his favorite NFL player. Primarily Al was a football player until the leagues got too big for his 5-11, 180 linebacking frame, so for survival of his sports image, he switched to baseball.

For several years, Dobler and Hrabosky played their major league sports in the same home stadium in St. Louis, and both were Cardinals, though in different sports. Ironically, neither apparently was traded because of lack of ability, so one must assume that the moves were a result of non-rapport with key people. Usually that's the story. If you are one of the best in the league at your position, there's a rapport reason for your leaving.

In the case of Hrabosky, he was traded for Mark Littell, a hard-throwing,

effective short-reliever whose blazer on the mound belies his highly respected but very masculine quiet manner. So, the turbulence moved from St. Louis to Kansas City.

In the instance of Dobler, he was the key man in a trade which sent himself and Ike Harris to the Saints for Terry Stieve and Bob Pollard, whose value comes 100% from their football ability.

So, St. Louis lost two of its hottest copy athletes—friends and mutual admirers who must carry on separately in Kansas City and New Orleans.

As an addendum to his story, Bob Marshall submits the following Dobler observations, which touch upon the Hrabosky connection:

Dobler's lust for knocking opponents around is no sudden affliction. He remembers being "mean and ornery" in high school when he earned All-State honors for Twenty-Nine Palms, (CA) High. He can recall quickly gaining the reputation as an unpleasant freshman at Wyoming, a jock you didn't cross.

Ironically, he was just the opposite off the field. Even today his friends marvel at the reputation he has gained, laugh at the thought of Dobler living his legend off the field.

"I've known him for years, and sometimes, when I watch him with the

binoculars during a game, I can hardly believe it's the same person I'll be out drinking a few beers with later on," marvels one friend.

"But, Conrad never changes. He hasn't let any of this affect him off the field. Al Hrabosky got his reputation as the Mad Hungarian about the same time Connie picked up his as the Meanest Man. Al seemed to change overnight. He grew the mustache, went the whole bit.

"Connie is the same today as he was after his rookie year. He can still laugh at it. When he walks off that field, his feet are planted firmly in reality."

But for a while last year, a Dobler foot was planted only in a cast—a left leg cast which kept him out of action for most of the year as a new Saint.

Dobler, of course, wasn't the only player whose knee has refused to take the gaff of major league football violence. Players lift weights, run, stretch, huff, puff, bend, shake and go through hours of weekly gyrations to build up the body to a position of power and tolerance in the violent world of pro football, but no one as yet has devised a way to protect the hinges—especially the knees—against the game's natural physical violence.

## "FOOTBALL'S HINGES OF FATE"

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# THE SHORT CAREER... A BY-PRODUCT OF VIOLENCE?

ONLY THE TEAM DOCTORS KNOW THE ANSWER, AND THEY ARE EAGER TO SPEAK OUT ON VIOLENCE-ORIENTED INJURIES



by Scott Ostler

If those creative people at NFL Films are looking for a boffo idea for one of those cute little feature films they put out, here's one they might consider: The violent world of pro football as seen by a player's knee.

They could strap a tiny camera and microphone to a quarterback's knee for an entire season and record the action from a new point of view.

We would see the knee dodging flying elbows and cleats, twisting, pivoting, bending, scraping. Finally, as our star knee is hit by four tacklers coming from four different directions, we would see it snapping, with ligaments and tendons flying around like spaghetti in a garbage disposal.

Next we would see the surgery and rehabilitation process, as the knee is kneaded, heated, cooled and treated, dipped in whirlpools and forced to labor long hours over weight therapy machines.

Okay, so it's a lousy idea for a mini-film drama. The point is that knees, and other injury-prone parts of football players' bodies, are drawing an increasingly large amount of NFL attention.

Last season O.J. Simpson's legs were in such a state of disrepair he reportedly missed several airplane flights because he was forced to walk through airports. Joe Namath and his roadmap knees were in the unemployment line. NFL quarterbacks and running backs seemed to be dropping like Custer's soldiers. And where have you gone, Gale Sayers? (Answer: Retired six years ago because of bad knees.)

The Los Angeles Rams had a fairly typical NFL season in '78, injurywise. Eight players were knocked out of the

lineup and onto the operating table. All eight had knee surgery, including running backs Lawrence McCutcheon, Elvis Peacock and Wendell Tyler. As a result, the offense ran like a sleek Ferrari—with three flat tires.

As tragic as all these various injuries were to the players and their teams, they were insignificant in comparison to what happened to Darryl Stingley. The young wide receiver for the Patriots was paralyzed from the neck down when hit by Raider DB Jack Tatum.

Folks began to talk. What's going on here? Has football finally become too violent in its effort to win games and influence people to pay their way into the stadiums? Has violence—intentional or otherwise—gotten out of hand?

"I'm not sure the game is rougher today than it used to be," said Dallas Cowboys' president Tex Schramm in an interview with the **Los Angeles Times**.

"But the roughness is being talked about more. We're coming into an era when undue violence repels people."

If excessive violence is likely to repel anyone, it would seem likely to repel doctors, since they're the people who have to clean up after the violence, so to speak.

Dr. Robert Kerlan is a legend, the Babe Ruth of orthopedic sports surgery. Along with Kerlan, our blue-ribbon panel for this story consists of: Dr. Clarence L. Shields, Jr., orthopedic surgeon for the Rams the past six seasons; Dr. James A. Nicholas, team doctor for the New York Jets since they came into being as the Titans back in 1960, and a pro football doctor since 1947; Dr. John Perry, team doctor of the Washington Redskins for 14 years and the Rams for seven, probably the first doctor to travel to all road games with a pro football team; Dr. Albert Mil-





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ler, team doctor of the Chiefs, 16 years in sports medicine; and Gary Tuthill, Rams' trainer for many years.

Kerlan is the Rams' medical consultant. He and six associates, including Shields, formed Southwestern Orthopedic Medical Group, Inc., devoted exclusively to orthopedic sports medicine and surgery.

The waiting room at Southwestern is an autograph hunter's paradise. Wait here for a month and you'll likely see every big name athlete in Los Angeles, and a lot of famous jocks from other parts of the country, not to mention an occasional Hollywood star with tennis elbow.

If you're collecting autographs, you should get Kerlan's. He and his associates have reconstructed valuable limbs belonging to such people as Elgin Baylor, Bill Shoemaker and Tommy John.

Kerlan sits behind his desk, surrounded by photos, certificates and hockey sticks. He is smiling, but the smile fades just a little when he hears the theme of this story: "The Short Career: a by-product of violence."

"I personally feel that's a bad rap

**1. Dr. John W. Perry believes that some injuries are due to rotten luck and thinks greater attention should be paid to causes of injuries. He feels more research is needed.**

**2. Dr. James A. Nicholas maintains that the safety record of pro football is really very good, but favors "judicious use" of the quick whistle.**

**3. Dr. Robert Kerlan, a legend in the field of orthopedic sports surgery, declared that our title (without the question mark) was a bad rap against football and feels modern medical practices have actually lengthened playing careers.**

**4. Dr. Clarence L. Shields, Jr., is of the opinion that doctors, rules and protective equipment simply can't prevent everything.**

**5. This shot of Joe Namath being helped off the field (Dr. Nicholas at left) reveals the straps and braces helping to shore up his damaged knees.**



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against football," he says. "You have to look at the length of the average career, starting from the beginning of football, and see if the average career has been lengthened.

"You have to consider whether injuries are being handled better than they were a decade ago, and the answer is yes, infinitely better. I don't agree with that premise (that careers are shortened by violence or injuries)."

And neither, it turns out, do our other consultants. The consensus is that the pro game is safer than ever because of better medical procedures, training procedures and game rules; that there really isn't a whole lot of unnecessary violence, and that injuries are inevitable.

Violence, they say, is accepted even by the players, as long as it's clean violence.

"Sure the players like it," Tuthill says. "We played Oakland early in the season and Tyler ran over Tatum, just knocked him on his back. It lifted up our whole team. All of a sudden the Oakland Raiders were not invincible. Those things are uplifting, they give you courage."

What about violence that turns to tragedy, as in Stingley's case?

"Accidents like Stingley's are hard to regulate against," says Dr. Nicholas. "There is a moment of time in every sport where players are running after the ball and there is a risk. Like baseball, when two outfielders get their signals crossed and crash into each other, or like when (former Dodger) Pete Reiser would crash into a wall. I've seen jai ali players crash into each other. I think we have to accept when playing any sport with a lot of speed, whether it be surfing or driving or whatever, there will be unfortunate events."

Dr. Perry calls such injuries "the luck of the draw."

Or, as Shields says, "Some things happen you just have to accept; you can't totally prevent everything."

The doctors have accepted violence, but want to see it kept within limits and put into perspective.

"Football is an easy sport to incriminate," says Nicholas, "but the safety record really is very good. You hear people say that a million guys play football and a million get hurt. But 300,000 never get hurt seriously through their entire career."

When football critics attempt to make a case against violence in pro football, they invariably use as exhibit



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A the following stat: The career expectancy of an NFL running back is 4½ years.

"It's not fair to say that runners only last that long because of injuries," Kerlan counters. "Really, a lot are just replaced. They blame it on injuries, but if you ask the coaches you'll probably find that in a lot of cases the players wouldn't have made it even had they not been injured. Nobody says it's 4½ years because of injuries."

"If you're a marginal player," Shields says, "a slight injury may tip you out. A better caliber player, the all-pro type, can come back and play even if he has problems. Namath and Merlin Olsen played a long time with very arthritic knees, because they had a lot of ability."

Says Nicholas: "The average (career length) isn't low because of injuries, but because the system allows young players with a lot of speed to come up. If a running back loses just a little speed, coordination or agility, he can lose very quickly that edge that made him a pro."

Maybe this is starting to sound like a lot of rationalization by doctors trying to justify their interest in pro football. However, after a quick tour around the Southwest Group offices, it's clear that these guys are doing more than just talking.

The offices take up the entire second floor of a large medical building, and much of the floor space is the physical therapy department, equipped with every type of whirlpool, weight machine, therapy and testing device imaginable.

"There used to be very few doctors specializing in sports medicine," Kerlan says, "but now it's a very popular field of orthopedics. We also have internists who specialize in sports, every specialty you can imagine. We even have subspecialties of subspecialties, like throwing problems of the upper extremities. There has been an explosion in the last 10 years in sports medicine. Problems with each sport are being identified and broken down."

Not many years ago, a major knee injury meant the end of a football career. No more.

"Shortened careers? We haven't had it happen," Shields says. "Most injuries, a player can have one or two of the same kind and we can repair it so he can play."

Doug France, Rams tackle, is an example. Two years ago he suffered a knee injury, underwent surgery, and was back playing after missing only four games.

A nifty little invention called the arthroscope has turned many a potential

radical knee operation into a band-aid surgery, or no surgery at all. The arthroscope is basically a tiny tube inserted into the knee through a small incision. Through the arthroscope the doctor can examine the knee to determine the extent of damage, and in some cases can operate through the tube.

"Pat Haden (Rams quarterback) hurt his knee late in the season just before the playoffs," Kerlan says. "We did an arthroscope Monday, there was no injury of note, so he practiced Wednesday, played Saturday—and played well."

Former Rams safety Bill Simpson (now with Buffalo) is going strong after three knee surgeries. Tackle Larry Brooks tore a medial collateral ligament in his knee but came back to make all-pro. The three injured running backs are expected to be ready to be 100% by this year's opening kickoff.

"We have 12 players who have had knee surgery in the past who played first string for us last year," Kerlan says proudly.

In the movies, and sometimes in real life, injured players are rushed back into action as soon as the anesthetic wears off. Not so on most pro football teams, according to Shields.

"Nobody's returned to function until they're playing like they were before," Shields says. "Professional athletes have to get confidence back in the injured part. If they don't trust the part, they're not going to play effectively. Now we can show the player exactly how well he has recovered."

The bit of medical magic used here is called a Cybex study. Before each season, each healthy player is tested. The power, strength and endurance of every major joint and muscle is measured and recorded on a printout, like an electrocardiogram. When a player is injured, he is retested at intervals during rehabilitation, and the results are matched against the original tests.

"We don't have to guess," Kerlan says. "We can tell him, for instance, that his injured quadriceps is 92% recovered. They have to get back to 85 or 90% to play."

Another breakthrough in minimizing the effects of football violence is a screening process. Most teams now give thorough physicals to all potential draftees. The results of these tests can be as meaningful as college All-American honors in determining the true value of a potential draftee. Nicholas and the Jets pioneered this procedure a couple years ago.

"We didn't have a single major injury last season," Nicholas says, "and that's directly attributable to the fact we just didn't draft a number of people we would have drafted previously. Our

only surgery last season was our PR man. We used to have between five and 11 surgeries a year.

"You take Namath. Under our present system, I don't think he would have passed our preparticipation physical (Namath had knee problems in college). In 1965 we signed 'em under the goal posts and checked 'em out later."

"We have an obligation to them (draftees) not to let them play if they're vulnerable because of body structure or weak ligaments, or a history of chronic trouble without an explanation. Not everybody is made to play football, and not everybody realizes that. We have an obligation to weed out the ones not fit to play."

"This system offers great hope for reducing unnecessary violence. If a man is forced to resort to violence or dirty play because of physical shortcomings, or if his actions cause retaliation, you get injuries."

Today's player, according to our medical experts, takes great pains, literally, to stay in good shape, as an insurance policy against a short career.

"Ten or 15 years ago, I think I was in better shape than a lot of the players reporting to camp," Miller says. "Now you can't get as soft as you used to."

"The informed athlete," Kerlan says,



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"does not go out and get fat in the off-season. Doug France usually weighs 330 to 340 pounds in April, but he was at 270 this April. We have 30 or 40 guys in constant off-season programs to strengthen areas of need. Conditioning has done a lot toward cutting down injuries."

Our medical experts, after all, are fans. They enjoy the hard-hitting contact of the sport. However, there are certain plays that no medical man could love.

"One situation that worries me is kickoffs and punts," Tuthill says, expressing a common sentiment. "You have fresh people out there and many of them are guys trying to make the football team, so they're going full bore. I'm always scared of special teams. Early in the season the rookies are so eager that they're almost like kamikaze pilots. At the Pro Bowl they have to ask for volunteers for kickoffs and punts, and sometimes there are not many hands up in the air."

Tuthill points out another dangerous situation—the mismatch.

"You have a 180-pound wide receiver who has to block a 235-pound line-

backer and he knows the guy is a lot stronger and tougher than he is. He's sure not going to hit him in the shoulders, he'll go for the knees or ankles. He doesn't want to hurt the guy, but he knows the fans and coaches are watching, and he doesn't want to have to say to himself later, 'Gee, our guy would have scored if I had made that block.'"

A sad and often overlooked aspect of football violence is the lasting effects of some injuries—the middle-aged guys who can't play handball or tennis or mow the lawn because of "my old football injury."

"You have a lot of guys walking the streets now, guys who end up with arthritic changes (as a result of injuries), who are in a lot of agony and misery in later life," says Perry.

Dick Butkus retired from football when his knee gave out. He won a \$600,000 judgment against his club, the Bears, but may wind up with an artificial knee.

Kerlan objects once again.

"Butkus is a poor example. Improvements in sports medicine techniques not only have increased the careers of the average pro football athletes, but they have gone a long way toward reducing the amount of partial permanent disability. The vast majority are like Merlin Olsen, Tom Mack and Willie Davis. I see ex-players all the time actually doing things, playing tennis, racquetball, pursuing other careers without much trouble."

Doctors in the NFL work closely with the league office in reworking the rules and equipment requirements. The NFL will be introducing new rules this season aimed at punishing and preventing unnecessary violence. When a quarterback or running back is in the grasp of a tackler, teed up and unprotected, it

will be illegal for another tackler to drive into the ball carrier. That's how McCutcheon and Tyler were injured.

Unnecessary roughness will be called on a defensive back who plays the receiver rather than the ball, or who uses more violence than is deemed necessary in colliding with a receiver who is reaching for the ball.

The doctors generally are in favor of these rules, but they also are fans and realize the rules can go only so far without taking away that attractive element which Perry refers to as "that wonderful mayhem."

Our doctors were asked what further rules changes they would favor.

Kerlan would like to see even more vigilant consideration given to outlawing the block below the waist on kickoffs and punts. He also would like to see less spearing and any contact where the head and neck are in flexion (chin down on the chest), a dangerous and vulnerable position.

And under late consideration at publication time was that same "spearing" problem with the helmet as a weapon. The NFL was expected to look hard at this headache in finalizing its 1979 rules changes.

Nicholas is in favor of "judicious use" of the quick whistle, stricter enforcement of clipping, crackback blocks, piling on and hurdling. He also would give consideration to outlawing the head slap. And he would favor strict guidelines on how soon an injured player could return to action.

Perry favors tighter rules outlawing blocking below the waist on certain plays, and advocates more intense study into the causes of injuries.

Miller would limit use of forearms in tackling, and Shields favors a soft-shell helmet to alleviate many thigh, rib, arm and leg injuries.

"With the proper rules," Nicholas says, "you probably could get rid of 10 to 15% of injuries, with preselection (physicals) you could eliminate another 10 to 15%, and with equipment improvements another 5 to 10%. That leaves you with a number of injuries you just can't avoid. Just like auto racing is going to have its crashes."

The last question put to each of our consulting physicians: Having seen hundreds of football players carried off fields with assorted agonizing and incapacitating injuries, would you have any reservations about letting your own son play football?

The answer was a unanimous "No." Kerlan's son is a high school football standout. Nicholas has a son who plays at Harvard. Shields proudly shows off snapshots of two sons in youth football uniforms.

The message our doctors are trying to get across is clear—violence-oriented pro football injuries are not all they're cracked up to be.

**1. Face guards on helmets prevent a great many injuries, but they are not impregnable, and players who, intentionally or accidentally, get past this device run the risk of breaking their own digits as well as the other player's nose, etc.**

**2. If facemasks provide a modicum of protection, they likewise offer a convenient (albeit illegal) handle that could cause neck injuries.**

**3. Still in all, it's the knees that are the weak spot and there are hundreds of ways for knee injuries to occur—most of them unintentional. Medical research into the causes of such injuries may pay big dividends in greater player safety.**



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# "SALATA'S SHORT CAREER"

Some injuries, however, have shortened what might have been very productive careers. Example: Paul Salata.

Paul Salata? Who was he?

The Pro Football Encyclopaedia shows that one Paul Salata spent one year in the National Football League—1950.

A guy comes into the league one year and goes out the next, never to be remembered. Sort of an irrelevant career, right? Wrong. Salata was a man of distinction.

After one year (1949) in the old AAFC with San Francisco, he came into the NFL with the 49ers in 1950 and became something of a California hero and an all-time answer to a trivia question by scoring the first touchdown ever scored by a 49er against the Los Angeles Rams, who represent Salata's home town.

For his reward, Salata was traded to the Baltimore Colts, where, in a year in which Tom Fears set an all-time NFL mark by catching 84 passes in a 12-game season, Paul caught 50, the third highest mark in the NFL that year.

Hardly an irrelevant career. One big, big splash in the NFL, then an injury and out. But relevant!

Where is Paul now? Where isn't he!

As the major domo of a large sewer contracting company in Southern California, he is on the lecture circuit, telling the inspiring story of the Southern California offensive end who reached the heights in the NFL, and then became king of the underground.

He visited the Olympic games in Mexico City in 1968 with his wife Beverly, and made a brief career of impromptu lectures throughout the Olympic community, discussing methods of scalping.

Salata attends most Super Bowl games. He boarded a plane in Los Angeles in 70° weather one fine day in January, 1972, without luggage,

without a sweater or topcoat, and landed in New Orleans during one of the Mardi Gras city's all-time coldest spells, which lasted through the Super Bowl VI game. Salata promoted a coat, hat, game tickets, hotel accommodations and tickets to all the VIP parties, all within a few hours of his arrival.

At Super Bowl XII, again in New Orleans, he spotted a fine semi-retired pianist at the post-game dinner in the host hotel's huge ballroom. Picking up a house phone, Salata, in a friendly voice of authority, promoted a piano, which was rushed into the room by hotel management without question. Singers were recruited, and microphones, and the only post-game dinner floor show in the history of the Super Bowls was under way. Each NFL official thought some other NFL official had set it up. Salata is not an NFL official.

Paul and Beverly are parents of a daughter who has been seen frequently in the company of Steve Ford, former resident of 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington. Occasionally, the fathers of the young couple have played golf together. One can imagine the conversation between holes as Salata gives and takes on the subject of how Michigan student athletes compared with Southern California athletes in the methods of selling player comp football tickets as a matter of undergraduate economic survival. Salata has a series of blackboard lectures on this subject.

While Paul recognizes that a 2-year pro career can be one of little relevance, he doesn't want all short careers to go unnoticed, so he and other members of Southern California's Balboa Bay Club have established a week of festivity each June in which the last man selected in the new NFL draft is honored in a lavish series of social and civic events.

Naturally, it is called "Irrelevant Week."



The guiding genius—Paul Salata

The "week" is thoroughly planned and enjoyed but it isn't easily defined. "Irrelevant Week means doing something for someone for no reason," says Salata. "We've done this for four years and our rules are tough on who is to be honored. In Week II, Rolf Benirschke was upset because he wasn't honored. Oakland had last pick in the draft and he was their last selection. But Minnesota had passed on its final turn, and came back after Oakland's pick to take Jim Kelleher



Week I honoree—Kelvin Kirk

and that ended the draft. So Kelleher was our honoree."

The chosen four, so far:

Week I—Kelvin Kirk, WR, Dayton, Steelers. He missed the plane to Los Angeles, considered an irrelevant matter by Salata, who recruited a ringer for the big welcoming parade, and when Kirk arrived in time for the news conference, he was stealthily subbed for the ringer. The news media was not aware of the change. Kirk lasted a week with the Steelers and since has played in Canada.

Week II—Jim Kelleher, RB, Colorado, Vikings. He spent 10 days in the Vikings training camp, played in a preseason game and has dropped from relevance, NFL-wise.

Week III—Lee Washburn, OL, Montana State, Cowboys. Never made it to training camp. Hurt his back, en



Week II honoree—Jim Kelleher

route. During his "week," he was asked to stand by to crown the winner of the feature race at Hollywood Park, called the Irrelevant Week Purse. Dallas Deb won by five lengths and when Washburn crowned the winner, it was the closest he ever came to a Dallas deb.

Week IV—Mike Almond, WR, N.W. Louisiana State U., Steelers. At press time, the Balboa Bay Club was planning the following regular Irrelevant Week events in honor of Almond:

Monday—Honoree arrives. Welcoming committee. Bands, girls, photos at airport. Full-blown news conference. Gifts to the honoree worth approximately \$1000. The keys to some city in the area, to be announced.

Monday Night—NFL Night. NFL alums, active players, officials, gather at the Club. Films on the worst NFL call of the year. Blooper films. Talk by co-chairman Jim Tunney (NFL referee).

Tuesday Night—College Night. Officials, players, executives, scouts of local colleges gather to salute the honoree at dinner.

Wednesday Night—Balboa Bay Club's Sports Banquet. Salata MCs.

Lavish entertainment and speeches. Typical sports banquet.

Thursday Night—The "No-start/No-finish Regatta" around Balboa Bay. Known as the beer can regatta. All kinds of informal entertainment on the water for the Week's buffs, and the honoree.

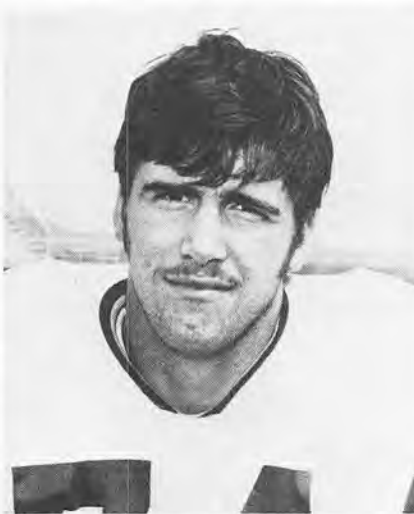
Friday and Saturday Nights—Las Vegas. The hotels there host the honoree in an entertainment packed 48 hours.

Daytimes—Johnny Carson show, Disneyland, Hollywood Park, Sportcasters luncheon, TV interviews, dates, parties.

New events on the fire—Golf tournament in which the main foursome includes the highest handicap golfer at each of the four nearby major courses. Loser wins. Three holes a day in order not to run into the evenings. Tournament will take a week for 18 holes. Participation by the most KOD boxer, most fanned hitter, most intercepted passer, etc.

And, a budding new trophy for the honoree, to be known as the "Lowsman" trophy.

It's a non-violent week. But that doesn't matter. It's irrelevant.



Week III honoree—Lee Washburn



Week IV honoree—Mike Almond

# "IRRELEVANCE IS RELATIVE"



# JIM ZORN... THE ANTITHESIS

THE SEAHAWKS' YOUNG QUARTERBACK COULDN'T ACCEPT DEFENSIVE AGGRESSION AS A NORMAL PART OF THE GAME UNTIL A HOUSTON ENCOUNTER ALMOST ENDED HIS PROMISING CAREER PREMATURELY



by Don Fair

**V**iolence does not always intimidate. It also can strengthen.

The value of that lesson was not grasped immediately by Seattle Seahawks quarterback, Jim Zorn. But it was not wasted, either. As this 25-year-old left-hander, the heart of the Seahawks' productive offense, enters his fourth National Football League season, he is proving that ignorance of such violence is bliss.

Enough so his head coach, Jack Patera, will say, "How great can Zorn become? I think he can be one of the best."

Enough so Seattle offensive coordinator, Jerry Rhome, instrumental in Zorn's startling progress from the "rank colt" stage, will say, "I think he will be all-pro, but we really don't worry about that. He does everything well, yet there's nothing he can't do better—and that's true of all of us. Jimmy Zorn does not know he can't win a game, no matter what the score."

Enough so John Unitas, who advanced from similar quarterback obscurity to the Hall of Fame, has said, "I think Zorn can be one of the great ones—if he doesn't get killed."

An interesting observation by the great from the Baltimore Colts, for on November 20, 1977, James Arthur Zorn literally and statistically was at the pro football crossroads. The opponent that day was Houston, the site was the Seattle Kingdome with 61,519 friendly fans anticipating a Seahawks upset, or at least a wide-open show in defeat.

Neither hope was realized. Rather, Zorn suffered his worst football performance at any level. Removed from the game in favor of Seattle's No. 2 quarterback, Steve Myer, after one offensive series in the third period—which ended with an interception and boos from the fans—Zorn managed but two completions in 15 attempts, and failed to connect on his last nine throws. He passed for only 19 yards, had the one interception, was sacked twice.

The Oilers led 10-3 when he was replaced and Houston eventually won the game, 22-10. It was a personal disaster afternoon for Zorn. To this day, he vividly remembers that NFL Sunday.

He succinctly said, "I never forget that Houston game."

It was then that Zorn had to wrestle, helmet to helmet, with the game's violence of a legal nature, the violence which tests any NFL quarterback. It's called the pass rush. Zorn had to learn to live with it or live on the bench.

Rhyme said, "Jim had reached a point where we told him he would not play if he did not stand in there against the rush. He had to quit looking at the onrushing linemen and, instead, read the defensive coverage to pick out the right receiver—or he would watch the game from the sidelines.

"One reason we had had such seemingly great pass protection, to that point in the franchise's history, was that Jimmy did watch the rush instead of the defensive coverage. When somebody threatened him, he would dodge people, take off and run.

"He had to learn he couldn't do it all by himself. If he didn't get the pass away, he still had done his job. He

couldn't worry about other teammates, blockers, not doing their job. If the blockers do their job and he doesn't do his, then it's too late. He won't make the right pass, or will run instead of passing."

Rhyme, himself an NFL quarterback who suffered all the learning pangs, emphasized, "That's the most difficult thing for any passer—when everybody is pouring in on you to stand in there as if nobody was even around. You must ignore the rush completely, figure it doesn't exist, to concentrate on what is happening downfield with your receivers.

"This troubled Jim, probably because of his relative inexperience. His background (Cerritos, CA, Junior College, Cal Poly of Pomona) was not as solid as, say, a quarterback coming from a bigger program, playing stronger competition."

Patera added, "Zorn came to us very, very inexperienced. He was accustomed to rolling out and throwing to an open guy."



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Zorn admitted, "Staying in there was the most difficult thing I had to overcome. When I dropped back to pass and didn't trust that my offensive line would keep the defensive people away and looked at the defensive linemen myself, I wasn't giving 100%. Maybe stepping up in caliber made it a problem for me. But just trusting, too, was important. I had to learn to trust my teammates. After you get hit a few times, you do start looking around, trying to help the blockers. It wasn't the right way."

Once warned that he would stand up in the protective pocket or sit down on the bench, Zorn reacted in the manner of all good athletes, of all good competitors. He complied and Seattle's emergence as a bonafide NFL contender was under way.

**1. A youthful 26 years old, Jim Zorn did not have the benefit of Big-10 or Pac-10 competition to develop his quarterbacking skills. He has finally overcome his instinct to rely only on his own ability.**

**2. It was no easy task for Zorn to avoid impending violence from opposing pass rushers by placing reliance upon his own blockers, but coach Patera said do it, and Big Jim (6-2, 200-lbs.) did it!**

**3. Instead of watching the pass rush, Zorn concentrated upon reading the defensive coverage in 1978, and his completion rate soared to 56%.**

**4. Of course since he was staying in the pocket more in 1978, he was sacked far more often (44 times). Here, he is introduced to the Pittsburgh Steelers' Mean Joe Greene.**

"He simply said he would stay in there and read the coverage," Rhome said. "This happened with four games left in the 1977 season. Check Seattle's record since then."

Following that Houston debacle, the Seahawks won 11 of their next 20 league games. This helped them compile the best second and third-year NFL records in history.

Zorn's progress was even more pronounced. In his first six league games of 1977, he had a dismal 38.5% completion mark, on 60 good throws for 926 yards and 10 touchdowns. In the last four games that season, his completion mark climbed to 46.3% on 44 connections for 757 yards and six touchdowns.

In 1978, Zorn was a statistical marvel. He threw completions at a solid 56.0% rate, good for 3283 yards and 15 touchdowns. His interceptions fell to a career low, 4.5%, as compared to 6.7% combined in 1976 and 1977.

In another interesting comparison, indicating that he had obliterated the defensive charge from his passing mind, he was sacked more times (44) in 16 league games last year. In his 24 previous NFL counters, he was trapped only 37 times. Which led Rhome to say, "We almost led the league in the fewest sacks for a couple years, but, percentage-wise, we weren't completing many passes, either."

"The new thing Jim did in 1978," Patera said, "was that he stayed in the pocket and threw the ball. Maybe that's what Unitas meant about Jim getting killed. Previously, Jim came out of his pocket a little too soon. Sometimes, he was not reading as long as he should, not staying with a receiver who was breaking loose. Instead, he would take off and run."

"Even with a guy bearing down on him, the quarterback must stay in

there and throw, because the receiver is going to come open. He must believe it will happen that way. He must believe the protection will not break down."

Nobody ever questioned Zorn's toughness, his durability. He has played with hurts, with nicks. In the second San Diego game in 1978, he sprained an ankle which took away his rollout pass technique, but he didn't miss an offensive down. Another time, he landed on his throwing elbow and his left hand went numb, but after a rest to regain the feeling, he returned to finish the game.

"The most pain I ever had was against Baltimore in 1977," Zorn remembered. "I pulled some muscles in my rib cage. It really felt like some kind of heart trouble. It was hard to breathe when my lungs expanded. It really hurt, but I went the whole second half with that."

Asked what Unitas might have meant by "if Zorn doesn't get killed," the Seahawks quarterback smiled and countered, "Is that killed on the field, or is that killed in a car accident or a plane crash or something like that? He probably meant killed on the football field, and I don't know how to comment. Except that, hopefully, I'm smart enough, wise enough, and I'll be in good enough condition—physically, mentally, spiritually—to stay out of the football situation where I can get killed."

"I don't feel I overexpose myself to tacklers. When it's time for me to go out of bounds, when it's time for me to go down on the turf—and maybe not strive for that extra yard—I try to do that 90% of the time, or 99% of the time. I've learned from the past. And Jerry (Rhome) and Jack (Patera) have harped on it. They just expressed concern that I not take dangerous running chances. They know I definitely will conform."



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"But I'm always going to be aggressive. That's the way to play this game. I don't ever think my career could end at any time. I just play hard, the best I can play."

"To be honest, I don't like to be tackled, because, I guess, I don't get tackled much. I don't mind getting hit legally, but, for some reason, I don't like to be tackled. That's why I get up so fast when I am tackled. I feel fidgety when people are all over me. I just don't like them lying on me. I don't know how the running backs stand it."

However, there are times when Zorn, by design, runs with the football. Against Oakland last season the Seahawks detected a chink in the Raiders' defense which left no man to cover the quarterback draw. Using this tactic, Zorn rushed for 63 yards in six carries. His 15-yard draw set up a first period touchdown, his 22-yard draw set up a second quarter score, his 11-yarder helped to a third-period field goal. They keyed a 27-7 upset victory.

"I love the quarterback draw," Zorn volunteered. "The thing is when they put in that play, they weren't going to use it unless it would work. Sometimes it doesn't. Well, that's the chance I'll take. I think I'm strong enough and competitive enough to use the play."

"When we do call it," Rhyme said, "we, at least, know we have blockers to help Jim. He's not taking off on his own with no planned protection. Jim is a durable, good athlete who takes care of his body, and he's smart in knowing when to go down. I don't really consider him a running quarterback, like New England's Steve Grogan. But Jim can run from his position, and we add things to take advantage of that ability."

The only time Zorn ever found himself in the NFL missing-in-action class came, surprisingly, after he made a tackle. Even more surprising, he claimed it was his "violence" which brought about his downfall—a slight tear of a ligament in his left knee which kept him out of four games in 1977.

In the final minutes of Seattle's 42-20 loss at Cincinnati, his pass attempt was intercepted by Bengals' defensive back Lemar Parrish. Zorn picked up the narrative:

"That probably was the only time on a football field that I resorted to violence, in the sense of an act intended to intimidate or to cause bodily injury. Again, it was because I was frustrated. I'd just thrown the interception, Parrish was going to run it back for a touchdown, and I was mad."

"All I had to do was to push him out of bounds near our bench, just shove him out of bounds and that was the

end of the play. But n-o-o-o. I wanted to take out my aggression, kinda, on the situation, to tackle him really hard, to pound him into the ground. I wasn't thinking of hurting him. I was thinking, 'Okay, I really want to tackle this guy.'

"I grabbed Parrish and happened to slip as I fell to the ground. My feet went under me, he swung around, and I slammed him down on my knee. That was a definite payback for my feelings at the time. Hopefully, I will be in control all the time, and won't try the violent approach again."

Zorn continued, "It's not my job to hit anybody or to try to knock anybody down or bust anybody. My job is to control the ball, hand it off, pass it, run the team. I have a different duty from the physical stuff."

"On the other hand, the only violence used on me is to hit me after I get rid of the ball. I would call it violence by the intimidation concept, or trying to cause some doubt in my mind. I really don't think it is violence. The defensive guy is just following through. He has shown enough speed and force either to be unable to stop or maybe to intimidate me."

"Oh, I've taken a couple of cheap shots, I guess. Once, a linebacker blitzed and threw an elbow to my head. But we got 15 yards on the roughness penalty and went on to score a touchdown. Later, the same linebacker threw another elbow, this time on an option play when I pitched out to David Sims. He hit me both times. But it wasn't, you know, straight on. He didn't connect full force with my head. It hurt him more than it did me, because we got 15 yards on each penalty."

"In my mind, football is not violent, if you control your frustrations. It's definitely collision oriented. You have to get yourself ready to punish or be punished. I use the word 'punish' to mean to hit a person as hard as you can—within the rules—and come back and hit him as hard as you can on the very next play. You must be prepared to do that."

"I don't have to worry about that as much. My game is more of a mental thing. I can be punished, but what punishment can I give? I guess the only punishment I can dish out is to throw a touchdown pass."

"Some may think football definitely is a violent game, but when it's played within the rules, I think it's very fair. Not many people will be hurt if they play within the rules, if they go 100%, and if they prepare themselves mentally, physically, emotionally, spiritually. You condition yourself. You expect to hit. You expect to get hit."

The word "spiritual" creeps into Zorn's conversation often. It's part of

the Jim Zorn story, and it's evident to anybody who has ever received his autograph. He always signs his name, followed by a Biblical citation.

In 1976, his Seahawks rookie year, he cited I Corinthians, chapter 1, verse 31. In 1977, he used II Corinthians, chapter 10, verse 13. Last year, it was I John, chapter 2, verse 17. This year, it's Philippians, chapter 1, verse 20.

"I started doing that after a conversation with teammate Norm Evans," he said. "Norm told me that since my name was so short, I might as well put a little verse underneath my autograph. Because I am a Christian, I have done this."

"There's no particular motive behind it, just to get people to open up the Word, read what is said, maybe even read further. I'm not trying to tell them that I'm spiritual. Let them deal with their own spiritual life. Anybody can sign a Biblical verse behind his name. So it doesn't prove my spirituality, or anything like that. Just a witness that I am a Christian."

Why a different Biblical citation each year?

"Each one has a special meaning to me," he answered, "and it's a little variety, too. Maybe people are learning each verse. If so, they should know at least four verses of the Bible now."

Zorn and his Christian beliefs came together in his senior year at Gahr High School, Cerritos, California through that school's Campus Life Youth for Christ.

"Nope, I wasn't depressed, or anything like that," he explained. "For me, it was a little bit different because I had everything going for me. I had good parents, very good parents. I was the quarterback of the football team. I was well liked. I wasn't hassling anybody and nobody was hassling me. I was doing pretty average in class. So everything was going pretty well."

"I started attending Youth for Christ meetings because my girl had broken



off with me. She went, and I was trying to get her back. No, we didn't resume our relationship. She's now married." And, since April, so is Zorn.

"It isn't so much that this is the way everybody should go, either. But when I started reading the Word, it started opening my eyes to things happening around me. You really realize that God is the Creator, and He's controlling things whether you like it or not. You have to accept it by faith, because it's not something you can see or touch. But you understand it is working every day.

"Listen to this: It not only sustains me when I have those bad games—like Houston—but it sustains me when I have games like the one against Oakland. The games that go so good you can hardly stand it. It definitely keeps you in proportion to where you're at. You realize you didn't do it all yourself. God deserves all the glory that I get or anything that happens in my life.

"I've read and heard that Jim Zorn is very religious. That's not exactly right. A person can work at his job very religiously. Somebody can play football very religiously. 'Very religious' can have many different meanings. Putting me in the very religious class is putting me with people whom I feel are very religious.

"I live like everybody else. I have frustrations, too. I get depressed. No, I don't smoke. No, I don't drink. Yes, I use cusswords, usually when I lose control. I try not to swear, especially in front of my wife, Joy. It's kind of funny when I do cuss in front of a teammate, because they know I normally don't get aggravated like that. So when I do swear, you almost can't believe the players' reactions.

"I make mistakes, lots of them. I don't pretend to be saintly. Don't ever call me Saint Jim."

Patera said, "One of Jim's greatest assets is that he doesn't let things bother him. I remember his rookie year when he threw six interceptions against Detroit, and afterwards, the media asked him how that felt. His answer was, 'Golly, did I throw that many?'

"His talents—his quickness, agility, enthusiasm—make him the quarterback he is. I don't think anybody could have predicted, when we signed him as a free agent, that he would come this far. I wish we were all geniuses like that. But any athlete with the measurables for this game may turn out to be

**1. Jim has learned to remain calm amidst the violence around him. The one time he did counter with violence of his own, he injured his knee.**

**2. Many experts tab Jim Zorn for greatness. The lessons he learned in '77 and practiced in '78 are pointing him in that direction. As Jim says, "In my mind, football is not violent if you control your frustration."**

a player just like Jim."

"I didn't know a thing about Zorn when we signed him," Rhome offered, "but I became interested the first day I worked with him. Just his quickness. He was a nice looking kid, nice size, good strength, very alert, very receptive to teaching. The first time I saw him go back to throw, I said to myself, 'Man, this kid is really quick.'

"The spring before our first season, I ran a three-weeks Seahawks' quarterback school. We did a lot of things, including written tests that took as long as three hours to complete. After the school, I rated our quarterbacks as to potential, as to who could really be our players, and Zorn and Myer were on top.

"We were better off working with young people with ability and potential. Why waste time with an older guy who might not be that good down the road, when you can take a young one who hasn't been taught.

"Jim reminded me of a young colt you might see at a track. The one who breezes out three furlongs in a fast time. He catches your eye. He may be

wild and rank, but, hey, let's work with this colt.

"Today, he uses his abilities better than he ever has. I'd say Jim Zorn has a little Roger Staubach in him, a little Grogan in him, some Fran Tarkenton, a little bit of Ken Stabler. But he's himself. And he's carried all the notoriety accorded him remarkably well. Jim is a very fair person, and Christianity gives him a lot of strength."

Just as Jim Zorn gives the Seahawks a lot of strength.

Oh, yes, that Philipians Biblical citation, part of his 1979 autograph, reads, "According to my earnest expectations and my hope, that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether it be by life or by death."

If football is a violent game, Jim Zorn has learned to cope with it in successful fashion. More than cope, really.

As he concluded with that winning smile, "Oh, man, football is so much fun. I wouldn't change anything that's happened to me."

#### JIM ZORN'S LIFETIME NFL STATISTICS (All games with Seattle)

**B: May 10, 1953 at Whittier, Calif.**  
**College: Cal Poly (Pomona) 6-2 200**

Year	G	Att.	Comp.	Pct.	Yds.	TDP	Int.	Avg.	RUSHING			
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1976	14	*439	208	47.4	2571	12	*27	5.86	52	246	4.7	4
1977	10	251	104	41.4	1687	16	19	6.72	25	141	5.6	1
1978	16	443	248	56.0	3283	15	20	7.41	59	290	4.9	6
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# "THE VIOLENCE OF NATURE"

And one can imagine the late owner of the Rams, Carroll Rosenbloom, saying, had he known his career and life were to end so suddenly, "Oh, man. Football is so much fun. I wouldn't change anything that has happened to me."

Excepting, perhaps, the fact that the wind came up and cancelled his Florida tennis match on the afternoon of April 2, 1979. Without his favorite participation sport by which to get in his daily physical conditioning, Carroll decided to exercise in the ocean surf.

Normally, the surf on the east coast of Florida is mild—unlike the USA west coast or Hawaii. But the same wind which had caused his tennis match to be cancelled was a contributor to violent motion and undertow, and Carroll soon was in trouble, too far from shore for help. A vigorous man, physically far younger than his 72 years, he went down fighting against the violence of nature. Had he been fighting against man, probably he would have won.

Ironically, one of pro football's more prominent player agents was a drowning victim just a few weeks later, in a river in central California. Chuck Barnes, very popular in the pro football community, was one of the more respected agents of player talent, and among his clients were O.J. Simpson (he became the Juice's agent when the sprinter/ball carrier was a collegiate hero at Southern Cal) and another USC graduate, the Rams' Pat Haden.

Rosenbloom and Barnes were alike in more ways than just the coincidence of their passing in similar accidents. Both were men of such integrity that they were respected by both sides of the management-player negotiation tables.

One indication of the respect the community of agents had for Rosenbloom was the John Cappelletti signing by Rosenbloom not long after the Rams had selected the Heisman trophy winner from Penn State in the first round of the 1974 draft.

There are many agents who regularly are accused of negotiating for the biggest and quickest dollar return for their clients and themselves, regardless of other, more important long-term considerations. But John Cappelletti's agent, Jerry Kapstein, does not have that image.

As Cappelletti and Kapstein discussed offers from the Rams and from the rival World Football League, whose Philadelphia team also had selected Cappelletti, the WFL was way out in front in dollars dangled before the huddling pair.

Cappy and Kappy weighed these facts:

—As a native of the greater Philadelphia area, and as a college immortal at Penn State, Cappy would be expected to be a hero at all times with the Philadelphia team.

—Cappelletti really wasn't ready to be a running back star in professional football. As a player who had spent much time as a defensive back early in his Penn State career, John had become a star as a ball carrier in his senior year, but his experience in the other nuances of playing the position was minimal, and in the pros a player needs to be highly experienced as a blocker, defense reader, decoy and pass receiver to accompany his running ability, especially on a ball control team.

—Philadelphia would throw Cappy into the starting role as a ball carrier immediately, and he would be expected to produce to a headline degree in every game.

—The Rams were well aware of Cappelletti's shortcomings as a blocker, receiver, etc., and made it clear that he would be given time to learn, as a Ram, the things he normally would have learned at Penn State, had he not spent so much time as a defensive back.

—In Los Angeles, Cappelletti would not be expected to be the spokesman to the press immediately as a rookie. There would be no burden on the

freshman hero to explain all the defeats and analyze all the wins. As a local Philadelphia hero, he would draw constant pressure from the local WFL news media.

Kapstein, at an initial financial sacrifice to Cappelletti and himself, counseled for the long-term investment and lesser pressure, and opted for the much smaller Ram contract. It was a case of mutual respect—Rosenbloom and Kapstein for each other—which brought about the Cappy-Ram relationship, which has blossomed into a fine NFL career for Cappelletti. He now is an outstanding blocker, receiver, defense reader and runner, and his consistent, tend-to-business attitude is of immeasurable value as an example to teammates.

Chuck Barnes also shared a great mutual respect with Rosenbloom. As Pat Haden and Barnes negotiated with the Rams, the WFL again was in the picture, but obviously with its days numbered. It no longer was considered to be a league with a future. But the complicated Haden-Rhodes scholarship situation, in which Haden had an October-to-June commitment to Oxford University, was simplified when Barnes and Rosenbloom, with mutual trust, exercised a plan which gave Haden pro experience in the last days of the WFL and a better jump on a career in the NFL with the Rams. Barnes always counseled on the side of Haden's best interests, and those were, as well, the Rams' best interests.

Barnes, as O.J. Simpson's counselor and close friend for many years, always negotiated on the side of integrity, knowing full well that the O.J. Simpson ability to be open, honest and completely uninhibited with business representatives across the negotiation tables in football and business was a strong asset, intangible but invaluable, in long-term potential.

Rosenbloom's youngish wife, Georgia, hadn't spent one night separated from Carroll in many, many years, until his death. No one in

Carroll's life shared so much of his inner feelings about business, about his personal relationships with people, and about the game of football he loved with such passion.

Now, she has 70% of the ownership of the Rams. The rest of the stock is divided equally among five of Carroll's sons and daughters—6% apiece. It is fortunate that she shared so much of the man's world in the man. She should be at home in that world.

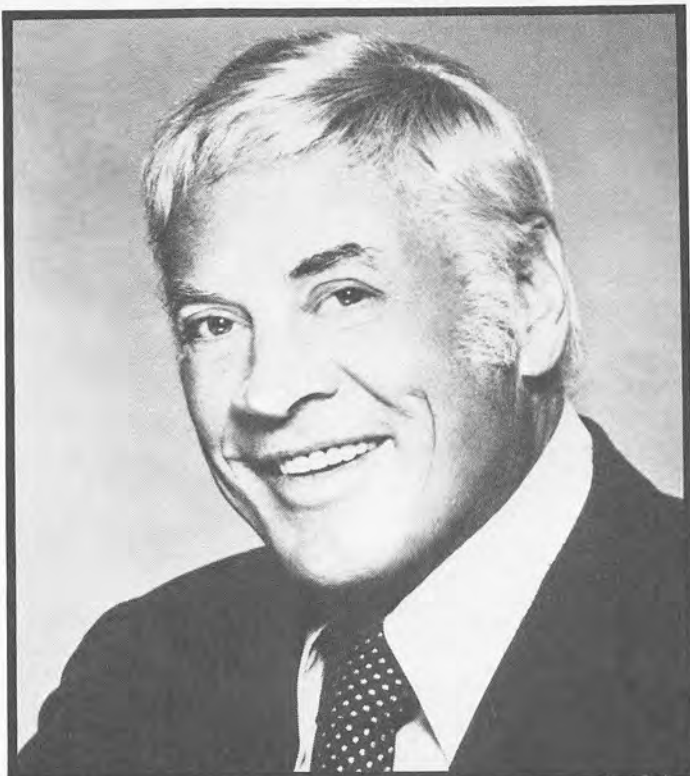
She knows how much of the time Carroll's famous full-blown feuds were simply impish extensions of petty differences, and she knows, more than anyone, how often Carroll humorously coated these feuds with pranks and jokes behind the scene.

The football community awaits the first real signs of strength from Georgia Rosenbloom, as she, an extension of Carroll's life and love, shows her strength.

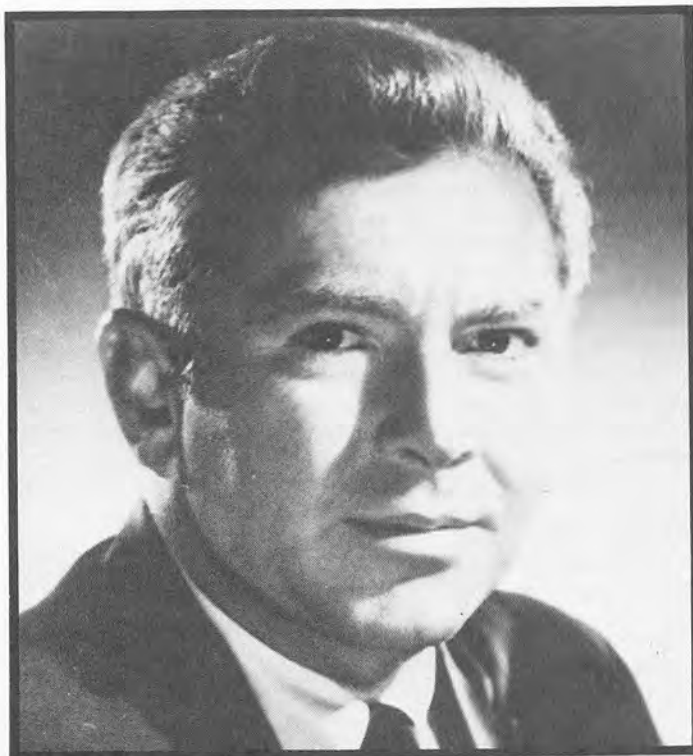
With likeable and highly respected stepson Steve in the driver's seat for the team's day-to-day journey through the NFL and the Southern California community, Georgia may opt to say little and simply to watch closely. But this, too, could be a show of strength. For all his constant desire to be involved personally, Carroll usually placed considerable authority in the hands of the men of integrity around him.

Carroll Rosenbloom saw violence as an integral part of the game of football, not as a super-imposed contrivance by those who would be thieves of valor. He wanted rules to minimize injuries and he wanted coaches to coach strategy and aggressiveness, not cunning and violence.

Perhaps in this one area, even above all other considerations, he will be missed by that segment of the community which has given the heart of its own lifetime to the game of pro football.



**CARROLL ROSENBLOOM 1907-1979**



**CHUCK BARNES 1930-1979**

## **"THE NATURE OF VIOLENCE"**



# THE VIOLENT INTENT... A REFEREE'S DILEMMA

LIKE THE BASEBALL UMPIRE WHO MUST BE ABLE TO READ INTENT INTO THE BEAN BALL, THE NFL REFEREE MUST SEPARATE INTENT FROM THE GAME'S SPONTANEOUS VIOLENCE



by Bud Tucker

In Oakland, on the afternoon of September 12 in the year of 1976, George Atkinson put the boff—pretty good, witnesses said—on Lynn Swann.

Swann was running a pass pattern, innocently enough, for the Pittsburgh Steelers. Atkinson was engaged in his trade as a defensive halfback for the Oakland Raiders, innocently enough. Or so he maintains to this day.

However, the results were quite distasteful from the standpoint of the ladies and gentlemen under whose auspices professional football is played and promoted. To begin with, Swann suffered a serious concussion and there were rumbles on the boulevard suggesting he might never play this game again. This resulted in cries of outrage heard throughout the National Football League, indeed around the world of fun and games.

The theme, wrought with ugly implications, was violence.

Among the leading protestors was Chuck Noll, the coach of the Steelers. Noll directed an outpouring of wrath at Atkinson and insisted that "criminal elements" had crept into this heretofore spotless pastime. Atkinson took personal umbrage and demanded a day in court.

In the taverns and barbershops and haberdasheries and similar salons of sound thinking throughout the land, the incident was the foremost topic of discussion. A concerned public chose up sides based on whether Atkinson had taken a "cheap shot" at Swann and whether there indeed was deliberate intent to injure. It was a dispute which would follow so many of its ilk into unresolved obscurity.

Thankfully, the ending was happy. Swann came back to play another day

and Atkinson was far from proven guilty and bears no terrible scars.

But the incident is likely to be recalled whenever the talk gets around to violence simply because it was a major contributor to the topic.

Violence as a topic of professional football conversation has become common, indeed popular, but it is synthetic in many ways. For instance, there is the important matter of interpretation. That is to say, violence can be taken to mean the very nature of this orgy of leather lunacy or it can be interpreted as embracing the sinister aspect of deliberate injury to another human being for no reason more valid than that he lines up on the other side of the line of scrimmage.

Then there are the eyes through which the matter of violence is viewed. There are the eyes of the players, the coaches, the medical staffs, the spectators, the media and so on.



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Of great significance would be violence through the eyes of the officials on the field, the referee in charge and his staff of assistants.

For instance, one of the more prominent arguments set forth in behalf of one side in the Swann-Atkinson case was that there was no penalty assessed. In fact, no call of any nature was made. This leads to one of two conclusions that (a) no official on the greensward that afternoon in Oakland saw the moment of contact between Swann and Atkinson or (b) no infraction of the rules was evident in the eyes of the officials.

The crew that day consisted of referee Tommy Bell; back judge Stan Javie; field judge Jim Cole; linesman Leo Miles; umpire Al Conway and line judge Bruce Alford. The above roster totals six. An additional official since has been employed in all NFL games, presumably to assist in game control.

A close examination of violence through the eyes of the officials would require an up front interpretation of the word. Therefore, for purposes here it shall be taken to mean the very nature of a violent game.

While obscurity generally would describe an NFL official, referee Jim Tunney is one of the better known. This is partly because of his life's dedication which is traveling to and fro upon the earth delivering sermons on the improvement of one's self through motivation. A great deal of his work is based on his experiences as a professional football official and his association with its people. Tunney has worked football for 27 years, 19 of them in the NFL.

Tunney's reaction to a mention of violence in pro football probably is predictable. "Football," he says, "is a collision sport. I quote Vince Lombardi, of course."

Of course. A legend the likes of Vince Lombardi would get the hell quoted out of him by a man holding forth on motivation.

"Violence," Jim Tunney goes on, "is

an important part of the game because it is necessary for a football player to do his job. One player does not wish seriously or permanently to injure another, but he does want to punish him. He wants to let him know he is there."

On a gray Sunday afternoon in Detroit, Roman Gabriel of the Los Angeles Rams tried a quarterback keeper against the Lions. Gabe was about to break into the clear when he was grasped by the top of his trousers by linebacker Joe Schmidt. Gabriel's pants were pulled down to his ankles and as he laid there on the grass, Schmidt playfully spanked him with open palm on his bare fanny.

"Just to let you know I'm here," Joe told Roman.

Referee Jim Tunney regards this sort of thing as quarterback intimidation and notices a great deal of it.

"Very often," Tunney says, "the quarterback will take a real big shot from the second man through. It is entirely possible to label this as unnecessary roughness and perhaps it is, depending on the precise circumstances,

but the purpose of the defender is not to injure the quarterback. What he wants to do is intimidate him. Make him gun-shy. Make him worry about the next play and defenders filtering through. In short, to let him know he is there."

The question most often asked of Tunney and his colleagues is why there is so much more violence in today's NFL than, say, ten years ago.

"I'm sure it only seems that way," Tunney replies. "I mean, the game is no tougher today in terms of eagerness. But the players have gotten bigger and stronger and faster and they have developed new and more effective techniques. So, if the game seems more violent, it is because so much has been enhanced."

The media, according to Tunney, also plays a part. "Football is a violent game," Tunney says, "and violence often can be news. For this reason, the media often may make more of a situation than is the case."

Television, the evil box, is blamed for most of the evil in our society and therefore hardly should be excused in



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**1. The rusher must sting the quarterback so he'll be gun-shy next time. The QB must ignore the rush and impending pain to sting defenders with a TD pass. Thus the stage is set for violence and possible injury.**

**2. NFL Referee Jim Tunney and those on the field with him must arbitrate the pass rusher/QB confrontation and 10 others simultaneously to assure that the rules have been followed.**

**3. The "Zebes" encounter their own brand of violence, such as the verbal abuse Al Conway is receiving from Steelers' linebacker Jack Lambert.**

**4. Sometimes, the "third team" has to become involved as in this kick by Steelers' Bobby Walden (39) at Lester Hayes (37) after a Walden punt. Greenwood's (68) helping the ref.**



## THE VIOLENT INTENT

the matter of violence in professional football.

"Well," Jim Tunney points out, "if there seems to be more violence today than 10 or 20 years ago, it may be because more people are looking at it. Television brings the game into millions of living rooms and when the hitting really gets tough, there are many more people watching it who will come to the conclusion that what they are watching is violence."

"I don't suppose the Vietnam war was any uglier or more violent than World War II but the general opinion is that it was. The thing is, the nation did not get to watch World War II on TV."

Violence, by any interpretation, has to be in the long run the responsibility of the officials. Known with or without affection as the "zebras" or "zebes" because of their mode of dress, the officials operate with a certain dread of the violence of the contest getting out of hand.

Bill Stanley, a college athletic director with six years experience as an NFL field judge, has studied the matter and understands as well as anyone the need for total control.

"Officials can control violence," Stanley says, "as long as they are given the proper authority. In my opinion, we have that authority now and I can't recall any incidents of a game getting out of control. As far as the players are concerned, that is."

What Stanley refers to is an unfortunate happening such as an official getting hit on the head by a whiskey bottle thrown from the grandstand at Metropolitan Stadium in Bloomington, Minnesota. There is no way on earth the officials of an NFL game can be charged with the responsibility of crowd control, but that is quite another story.

Bill Stanley says violence as practiced outside the rules is very much the responsibility of the game officials and he does not attempt to hide the fact that it exists.

"Football is a reflection of society," Stanley says. "Some people are violent. The great majority are not. In a season of professional football, there will be a total of something like 32,000 plays. For every one containing violence outside the rules, there are 50 which do not. Certainly, serious injuries caused by violence outside the rules are isolated incidents."

"Any sport needs competent officials. I sincerely believe the National Football League has such men. We can control violence of any sort, if we have the proper authority. I believe we have that authority."

NFL officials, along with the general

public, are rarely permitted to attend practice sessions of professional football teams. Therefore, it can be no more than a matter of opinion as to whether coaches condone (indeed teach) violence in one or more of its forms.

Royal Cathcart, a commercial real estate broker, has served as an official at all levels of football. He has spent nine years in the NFL, mostly as a line judge and now a side judge. Cathcart is asked his opinion on whether a pro football coach would hold classes on violence.

"I may be naive," Cathcart replies, "but I don't think so. By the same token, I do not feel a coach would instruct a player intentionally to injure a player on the opposing team. If there are such cases, I would certainly insist that they are isolated."

"However, I'm also sure that any coach will instruct his athletes to hit as hard as they possibly can as long as it is legal. In many cases, in fact, it is necessary for a football player to hit as hard as he knows how for no other reason than self-preservation."

Even this sort of thing, in the unclouded view of Royal Cathcart, can be a judgment call in a job where the demands on the judgment of a human being can be almost inhuman.

"Suppose," Cathcart says, "a ball carrier is headed for the sidelines and a little push will put him out of bounds. Instead, he gets a really big hit. Now, this can either be an intentional 'dirty' play or cheap shot or the man making the hit can be totally engrossed in the action and really have no idea in what position the play is taking place on the field. You see, violence at such a moment can be a matter of judgment."

There are many who insist the major implement of an NFL official is his whistle and his main function is to abuse it. In truth, however, the principal tools of all officials are the rules as established officially by the NFL. Active officials have their own ideas and notions about the manner in which the pastime is legislated by the league.

"I think the rules committee for the most part does a very commendable job," says Jim Tunney. "The greatest assets we have in controlling violence are the rules with which we work. We have some excellent new rules lately—the blocking above the waist ban, for one—and all of them are designed to reduce the possibility of serious injury. However, I feel we should now be given some time for these new rules to sink in. I really feel we are just fine for the time being."

"On the other hand, if I were required to make a suggestion, it would

be to get arm swinging out of the game. If we had a rule to get arm swinging totally out of the game, it would be much safer."

"After all, we got rid of the head slap. Remember Deacon Jones? The head slap never should have been allowed in the first place."

Side judge Royal Cathcart agrees there is little room for criticism of the men who make the rules by which NFL contests are conducted.

"We all make suggestions from time to time," Cathcart says. "A great thing about the rules committee is that its members are always willing to listen and study every proposal."

"One thing, though, I feel the rules of pro football might be simplified somewhat. We deal with a great deal of language, but I feel everything possible is being done to prevent serious injuries. In my opinion, the most dangerous moment of all is when the pass receiver is in the air. After that, the exposed quarterback. Many steps have been taken in these areas and I think that is very important."



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If violence in the eyes of the officials is intriguing, so must be the manner in which the officials regard the violent men who play this game.

"I can hardly believe some of the things they do," says field judge Bill Stanley. "The way these people conduct themselves under pressure is incredible. I am particularly awed by the physical feats of defensive halfbacks and kick return men. I admire all of them and have not met a single one I would regard as a distasteful person."

"Pro football players may be the most disciplined people in the world. They take physical punishment and mental anguish—such as calls by us with which they disagree—but always with discipline. I find it truly amazing how they can be at the height of raging emotion one moment and then back into complete discipline in just an instant. Thousands of men want to play football in the NFL. Only a handful of them make it."

Says Cathcart, "I look on them with a great deal of admiration. They are truly fortunate individuals to have the ability to get into the National Football League. I'll tell you one thing more. Professional football players are much, much more intelligent than most people realize."

"They can do such remarkable things, physically and mentally, under pressure," states Tunney. "You have to look at them with respect and admiration which is one of the things that keeps an official coming back."

Apparently, NFL officials will be coming back under existing conditions at least for the foreseeable future even though they come under considerable criticism and abuse and there are constant demands for full-time officials. The part-time officials are not without their views on the issue.

"I doubt they could pay high enough salaries to get the required number of

people," is the opinion of Jim Tunney. "Besides, full-time employment means exactly as it implies. What would you have the officials do during the week?"

Royal Cathcart does not feel that full-time status would improve the quality of officiating in the NFL. "I have worked four games on a weekend," he says. "I was no better an official in the fourth game than in the first."

"Besides, there is no way they could ever improve on the dedication of the men they have. We all feel it is a privilege to be here and we work accordingly. I have known guys who were fired as NFL officials and they were years getting over the shock of it."

Bill Stanley has mixed thoughts on the matter. "Perhaps a man in any field is better if he devotes full time to his work," he says, "but I don't feel full-time officials would solve the existing problems."

"An official is paid for his judgment. This judgment is gained over many years of working games at high school, college and professional levels. You can't force feed this judgment. Putting a man on a full-time roster certainly won't improve it."

If a mere mortal in this job must exercise judgment, he must also control his emotions and, make no mistake, there are emotional moments down there where the competitive intensity turns to hostility and then to savagery.

"In a way," says Jim Tunney, "it is frightening. It is so frightening it takes almost the full 20 weeks to get used to it. Many things about it are awesome."

Tunney is asked to look at professional football one more time through the eyes of an official and determine the most awesome aspect of all and he does not squander words with his reply.

"The violence," he says.

**1. Back judge Stan Javie explains a call to Oilers' Mike Barber. The game officials generally disagree with the "excessive violence" tag that's recently been hung on the game.**

**2. Injuries will happen, however, and then the "Zebras" must decide whether the hit was legal or not. Says Jim Tunney, "The real big shot comes from the second man through."**

**3. As if the angle doesn't complicate the call enough, there's the weather, too. Officials have great admiration for the physical and mental toughness of pro players.**

**4. Kickers are well protected by the rules, but they, too, get their knocks. Ray Guy (8) of the Raiders had this one blocked.**

**5. Perhaps the only time a game official is appreciated—or even acknowledged—is when he signals a score as field judge Ed Merrifield does here. Of course, only half the players and some of the fans are pleased.**

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## NFL CHANGES NUMBERING SYSTEM FOR OFFICIALS

NFL referee Jim Tunney may long have harbored a secret pride in wearing No. 32. After all, it's a famous number and has been worn by men who hurdle through airports (O.J. Simpson), set fantastic strike-out and ERA marks (Sandy Koufax), plow through the NFL record books with an unmerciful onslaught, en route to a motion picture and TV commentary career (Jim Brown), and remember everyone's face and

name from Rome to all points in the NBA (Jerry Lucas). But no more. Jim Tunney now is plain No. 3.

This year, with 102 officials listed at publication time, the league has decided to stay away from three-digit numbers. Too easy for a fan to look at a 100+ number and say, "Oh, he's just a rookie official." As if there might be a stigma to that fact in a difficult call.

So, each official will wear a jersey which designates his position, and a number which does not exceed 20. But the numbers are assigned in such a way that no two numbers will be alike on any regular crew. Only in preseason and in an emergency substitution situation will there be duplicate numbers. And to help make sure there's no question as to which man is the chief, the ref will wear a black hat. (Sinister?)

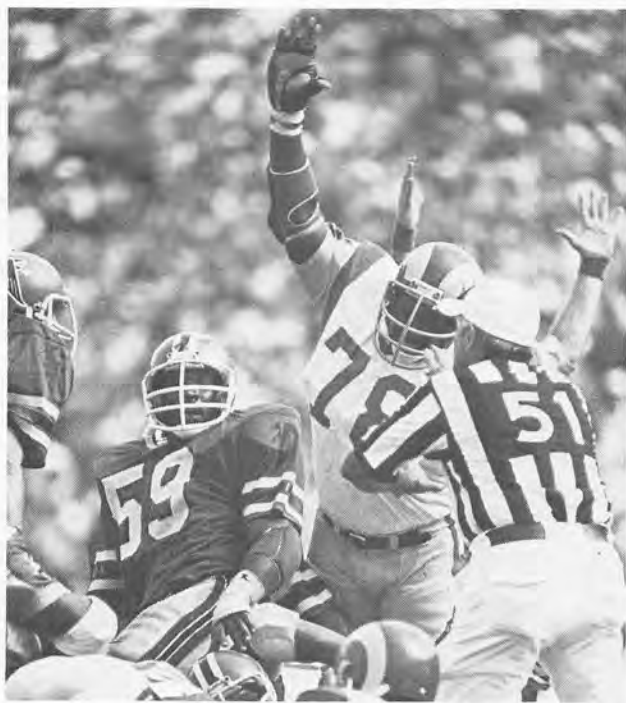


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### NFL OFFICIALS—Maturity\*

	1977	1978	1979
Referees	9.1	10.6	11.4
Umpires	14.3	11.0	10.8
Head Linesmen	9.5	9.3	10.2
Line Judges	7.6	4.7	4.4
Back Judges	7.6	7.1	8.4
Side Judges	—	3.9	5.3
Field Judges	7.6	8.9	9.7
Totals	9.3	8.2	8.5

\* Maturity—All figures represent the average number of years of previous experience as an NFL official.



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**Referees**

No.	Name	Year	College
3	TUNNEY, Jim	20	Occidental
4	HAGGERTY, Pat	15	Colorado State
5	LePORE, Cal	14	None
6	JORGENSEN, Dick	12	Wisconsin
7	SILVA, Fred	13	San Jose State
8	CASHION, Red	8	Texas A&M
9	MARKBREIT, Jerry	4	Illinois
11	WYANT, Fred	14	West Virginia
12	DREITH, Ben	20	Colorado State
14	BARTH, Gene	9	St. Louis
16	FREDERIC, Bob	12	Colorado
17	SEEMAN, Jerry	5	Winona State
18	HEBERLING, Chuck	15	Washington and Jefferson
20	McCARTER, Gordon	13	Western Reserve

**Head Linesmen**

No.	Name	Year	College
3	MILES, Leo	11	Virginia State
4	ROSS, Bill	7	Missouri
5	SEMON, Sid	2	Southern California
6	MARION, Ed	20	Pennsylvania
7	VETERI, Tony	19	None
9	HAGERTY, Ligouri	4	Syracuse
10	SABATO, Al	20	Cincinnati
12	MACE, Gil	6	Westminster
14	PETERS, Walt	12	Indiana State
15	DODEZ, Ray	12	Wooster
16	KRAGSETH, Norm	6	Northwestern
17	BERGMAN, Jerry	14	Duquesne
18	TOLER, Burd	15	San Francisco
20	GLOVER, Frank	8	Morris Brown

**Back Judges**

No.	Name	Year	College
3	BAETZ, Paul	2	Heidelberg
4	TOMPKINS, Ben	9	Texas
5	DOUGLAS, Ray	12	Baltimore
6	JAVIE, Stan	29	Georgetown
7	KELLEHER, Tom	20	Holy Cross
8	WEDGE, Don	8	Ohio Wesleyan
9	WILLIAMS, Banks	2	Houston
10	ROSSER, Jimmy	3	Auburn
11	KNIGHT, Pat	7	Southern Methodist
12	KEARNEY, Jim	2	Pennsylvania
14	JURY, Al	2	San Bernardino Valley
15	FOUCH, John	14	Southern California
16	POOLE, James	5	San Diego State
20	SWANSON, Bill	16	Lake Forest

**Field Judges**

No.	Name	Year	College
3	DOLACK, Dick	14	Ferris State
4	KINGZETT, Bill	5	Hiram
5	STANLEY, Bill	6	Redlands
6	HAKES, Don	3	Bradley
7	GRAF, Fritz	20	Western Reserve
8	SWEARINGEN, Fred	20	Ohio U.
9	O'BRIEN, Bill	13	Indiana
10	COLE, Jimmy	8	Memphis State
11	TERZIAN, Armen	19	Southern California
12	WORTMAN, Bob	14	Findlay
14	VAUGHAN, Jack	4	Mississippi State
16	MALLETTE, Pat	11	Nebraska
18	LEWIS, Bob	4	None
19	MUSSER, Charley	15	North Carolina State
20	MERRIFIELD, Ed	5	Missouri

**Umpires**

No.	Name	Year	College
3	PALAZZI, Lou	28	Penn State
4	KECK, John	8	Cornell College
5	BOYLSTON, Bob	2	Alabama
7	CONWAY, Al	11	Army
8	HARDER, Pat	14	Wisconsin
10	MYERS, Tom	1	San Jose State
11	WELLS, Gordon	8	Occidental
12	HAMILTON, Dave	5	Utah
14	DEMMAS, Art	12	Vanderbilt
15	MORCROFT, Ralph	19	Ohio State
16	KRAMER, Tony	5	Dayton
17	FIFFICK, Ed	1	Marquette
18	CONNELL, Joe	28	Pittsburgh
19	HENSLEY, Tom	13	Tennessee
20	SINKOVITZ, Frank	22	Duke

**Line Judges**

No.	Name	Year	College
3	McLAUGHLIN, Bob	2	Xavier
4	McELWEE, Bob	4	Navy
5	CARRABINE, Gene	2	Notre Dame
6	JOHNSON, Jack	4	Pacific Lutheran
7	DOOLEY, Tom	2	V M I
8	ALFORD, Bruce	20	Texas Christian
9	FETTE, Jack	15	None
10	MARSHALL, Vern	4	Linfield
11	REYNOLDS, Bill	5	West Chester State
12	HAMER, Dale	2	California State College of Pennsylvania
14	EVERETT, John	1	Illinois
15	GLASS, Bama	1	Colorado
16	BEEKS, Bob	12	Lincoln
18	HANTAK, Dick	2	S.E. Missouri
19	HAWK, Dave	5	Southern Methodist

**Side Judges**

No.	Name	Year	College
3	JONES, Nathan	3	Lewis and Clark
4	WARD, Ed	2	Southern Methodist
5	McKENZIE, Dick	2	Ashland
6	SPENCER, Willie	2	Prairie View
7	QUINBY, Bill	2	Iowa State
8	KLEMMER, Grover	17	California
9	LOOK, Dean	8	Michigan State
10	FERGUSON, Richard	6	West Virginia
11	JACOB, Vince	5	None
12	PARRY, Dave	5	Wabash
14	ORR, Don	9	Vanderbilt
15	CREED, Dick	2	Louisville
16	CATHCART, Royal	9	California U. at Santa Barbara
19	RICE, Bob	11	Denison
20	OSBORNE, Jim	2	Villanova



# "THE SCORE: OFFICIALS 8.5, PLAYERS 3.34"

Between the 1976 and 1977 NFL seasons, only three game officials retired from the active list of 90. But prior to 1978, eight more retired. In addition, the NFL ended its spare crew concept (barring illnesses, each crew had one weekend off during the season, but stood by as a spare crew) and at the same time added a seventh man, a side judge, to each crew. This made a total of 16 new faces hired to fill out a 98-man table of organization.

Maybe it just seemed so, but in 1978 weren't there more critical calls than usual which admittedly were mistakes? If maturity in the player ranks has a direct relationship to the won-and-lost column, doesn't it also figure that maturity in the ranks of the

officials has a direct bearing on their ability to call the tough plays with accuracy?

Two key calls apparently cost the Cleveland Browns two games in '78, and had those calls been accurate, it is likely that the Browns would have been a playoff team, and the AFC-Central segment of our maturity chart would have been perfect.

For those readers who have not been with us in previous years, the Maturity Factor is a chart we have kept annually since 1965, showing the annual relationship between a team's collective years of experience and its won and lost mark for that year.

The maturity factor is the average number of years of previous NFL

experience per player on the roster (for our purposes, at season's end). The claim is not made that retaining older, more experienced players is an assurance of success. Rather, the maturity factor reflects the fact that, in choosing the most effective players available, coaches automatically add more years to the maturity factor. Experienced players offer more effective performances than men of equal ability, but less experience.

It is possible to have very mature teams which don't dominate (Washington, Oakland) simply because older players may be over-the-hill or the coaches may not be the best or injuries may have ruined the team's chances. But no team has gone to the

## THE MATURITY FACTOR - 1978

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE - 3.34 (223-223-2)

AMERICAN CONFERENCE - 3.37 (117-107-0)

EASTERN DIVISION			
Maturity Factor (3.29)			Actual Finish (40-40-0)
Miami	4.07	Miami	11-5-0
Baltimore	4.02	New England	11-5-0
Buffalo	3.42	New York Jets	8-8-0
New England	3.38	Baltimore	5-11-0
New York Jets	1.55	Buffalo	5-11-0

CENTRAL DIVISION			
Maturity Factor (3.38)			Actual Finish (36-28-0)
Pittsburgh	4.00	Pittsburgh	14-2-0
Cleveland	3.73	Houston	10-6-0
Houston	3.24	Cleveland	8-8-0
Cincinnati	2.53	Cincinnati	4-12-0

WESTERN DIVISION			
Maturity Factor (3.44)			Actual Finish (41-39-0)
Oakland	4.64	Denver	10-6-0
Denver	4.22	Oakland	9-7-0
San Diego	3.56	San Diego	9-7-0
Seattle	2.40	Seattle	9-7-0
Kansas City	2.36	Kansas City	4-12-0

NATIONAL CONFERENCE - 3.30 (106-116-2)

EASTERN DIVISION			
Maturity Factor (3.85)			Actual Finish (41-39-0)
Washington	5.11	Dallas	12-4-0
Dallas	4.09	Philadelphia	9-7-0
St. Louis	4.09	Washington	8-8-0
Philadelphia	3.13	St. Louis	6-10-0
New York Giants	2.84	New York Giants	6-10-0

CENTRAL DIVISION			
Maturity Factor (3.14)			Actual Finish (35-43-2)
Minnesota	5.18	Minnesota	8-7-1
Chicago	3.42	Green Bay	8-7-1
Detroit	2.58	Chicago	7-9-0
Green Bay	2.27	Detroit	7-9-0
Tampa Bay	2.24	Tampa Bay	5-11-0

WESTERN DIVISION			
Maturity Factor (2.83)			Actual Finish (30-34-0)
Los Angeles	3.69	Los Angeles	12-4-0
New Orleans	3.13	Atlanta	9-7-0
Atlanta	2.89	New Orleans	7-9-0
San Francisco	1.62	San Francisco	2-14-0

## MATURITY FACTOR BY TEAM—1978

* 1	Minnesota	5.18
2	Washington	5.11
3	Oakland	4.64
* 4	Denver	4.22
* 5	Dallas	4.09
	St. Louis	4.09
* 7	Miami	4.07
8	Baltimore	4.02
* 9	Pittsburgh	4.00
10	Cleveland	3.73
*11	Los Angeles	3.69
12	San Diego	3.56
13	Chicago	3.42
	Buffalo	3.42
*15	New England	3.38
*16	Houston	3.24
*17	Philadelphia	3.13
	New Orleans	3.13
*19	Atlanta	2.89
20	New York Giants	2.84
21	Detroit	2.58
22	Cincinnati	2.53
23	Seattle	2.40
24	Kansas City	2.36
25	Green Bay	2.27
26	Tampa Bay	2.24
27	San Francisco	1.62
28	New York Jets	1.55

\* Made the playoffs

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Super Bowl with a very low maturity factor.

The Jets of 1978 confounded the maturity chart. Almost every year, some inexperienced team (1.55) gets great coaching (Walt Michaels), unexpected contributions from young talent (Matt Robinson) and makes a won-lost noise well above its maturity-oriented status (8-8-0).

But generally speaking, year after year, the playoff teams are experienced teams, and the asterisks (indicating playoff teams) in 1978, as usual, were bunched toward the top of the list.

Last year was the first, ever, in which the AFC had more total player experience than the NFC. Yet for some

years the AFC has dominated inter-conference play and the Super Bowl. While the full slate of regular season games finds the more mature teams winning from 58% to 70% of the games in each of the past 14 years, nevertheless the younger AFC has won more inter-conference games, by a substantial margin.

Now that the AFC finally has caught the older conference in maturity, it will be interesting to see whether this factor indicates even more inter-league dominance, as epitomized by the AFC's 9-4 Super Bowl record.

Of course, old-line NFL die-hards still point out that of the 13 Super Bowl games, only two have been won by a

pure-bred combination of an original AFL team and an original AFL head coach (IV—Kansas City with Stram, and XI—Oakland with Madden).

Old-line NFL teams have a 7-6 Super Bowl mark, thanks largely to the success of the only team to win three big ones, the Pittsburgh Steelers.

For the next 56 pages, Vin DiTrani (AFC) and Mal Florence (NFC) will offer analyses of the trends for '79 in the NFL division races, and when you've read what they have to say, we suggest you might want to participate in our "Reader Picks" on page 102.

But first things first, and first in the NFL these days are the Pittsburgh Steelers.

## "HOW DO THEY DO IT?"





# PITTSBURGH STEELERS

## AMERICAN FOOTBALL CONFERENCE CENTRAL DIVISION

Chuck Noll issued the warning less than 24 hours after his Pittsburgh Steelers had beaten Dallas in Super Bowl XIII. "I think we can become an even better football team," said the Steelers' coach.

It's difficult to imagine a team any better than the Steelers were in 1978. The third of their recent three championships was somewhat of a departure from the pattern set up by the 1974-75 championship squads. Those earlier editions were noted for the Steel Curtain defense and an offense which scored enough points to keep the defense from working in vain.

But the latest model Pittsburgh club was sparked not only by the rigid defense but also by an offense as potent and explosive as any in the league. The key ingredient in the latest Pittsburgh title club was a matured Terry Bradshaw, who last season was the finest quarterback in the National Football League.

It had been awhile coming for the strong-armed passer from Louisiana, who had been nearing but just falling short of superstar status for several seasons. In '78, however, Bradshaw was on top of his game, and the Steelers were on top of the league.

Bradshaw, who'll be 31 on opening day, is reaching his prime years and should get even better. That's one reason for Noll's thinking the Steelers should get even better. Another aspect of Noll's proclamation is his team's expected development in some of the different coaching philosophies he has offered them in recent years.

### OFFENSE

Quarterbacks—One of those changes is

the once-conservative offense, which used to rely on Franco Harris pounding out enough yards to let Bradshaw complete a few passes. Now Bradshaw is an offense in himself. He was second only to Dallas' Roger Staubach in passing and tossed a league-high 28 touchdowns. His leadership and play-calling abilities also have matured, making him a complete quarterback. He's even cut down on the scrambling which caused him some injuries in the past. Behind him are the intelligent Mike Kruczek and strong-armed Cliff Stoudt, a pair of promising young quarterbacks.

Running backs—Harris hasn't been forgotten in the new offense. He rolled for 1082 yards, his sixth 1000-plus season. He scored eight TDs, and if anything has been helped by the improved passing game, which has taken much of the pressure off him. Of course it is Harris' excellence running the ball that has helped the passing attack, making play-action devastating at Three Rivers Stadium. Rocky Bleier continues to contribute with 633 yards, some clutch receptions, and a myriad of hard blocks. Some reserve help is needed, although squat Sidney Thornton shows well in spurts. Big Rick Moser is outstanding on specials and in short-yardage situations, while Jack Delopaine still looks to shake injuries.

Receivers—Bradshaw tossed 102 of his 207 regular-season completions and 27 of his 44 postseason strikes to his outstanding outside duo of Lynn Swann and John Stallworth. They are the best one-two punch in the league. Eleven of Swann's 61 catches went for TDs. Stallworth had nine TDs and a 19.5 average per catch. Behind the diamond

pair are Theo Bell and Jim Smith, both of whom could start elsewhere. Bennie Cunningham was off to a great year at tight end before a knee injury felled him. Randy Grossman picked up the slack, and the Steelers are two-strong at that position.

Offensive line—For years the Steelers' line has been doing the job in relative anonymity. But in '78 center Mike Webster grabbed all-pro recognition, the first Pittsburgh offensive lineman to do so in more than a decade. Webster, who handles noseguards as well as any center around, is only one of several top operatives in the Steelers' front. Tackle Jon Kolb, whose handling of Harvey Martin in Super Bowl XIII probably was worth more than the four point winning margin, continues as an underrated player, as does guard Sam Davis. Young Ray Pinney is developing, as is tight end-turned-tackle Larry Brown. And Gerry Mullins—wind him up, place him anywhere on the line (last year it was right guard), and he does the job. Youngsters Steve Courson, Ted Peterson and Tom Dornbrook, out all last year, provide the depth.

### DEFENSE

Front four—The other major coaching change was in the method of rushing the passer. Blitzing has become more and more prevalent in Pittsburgh (19 of the 44 sacks were by non-linemen). But the front four had a rejuvenation in '78, nevertheless. L.C. Greenwood was exceptional, leading the club with nine sacks. He and Joe Greene, both 33 years old in September, played younger.



No. 32—Franco Harris



HC—Chuck Noll



Steve Furness was hurt much of the year, but he, Dwight White and John Banaszak provide three men for the other two positions. Gary Dunn and Tom Beasley, the latter a particularly outstanding prospect, plus the untested Fred Anderson provide plenty of depth.

**Linebackers**—This is another "What else can you say?" area. Jack Lambert and Jack Ham are among the best in the business, if not the premier men at their positions. Loren Toews and Robin Cole double-team at the weakside post, with Cole tabbed as a future star. Dennis Winston is more than adequate as Lambert's backup, and an ace on the specials. Willie Fry, injured all last year, gets another chance as an outside sub.

**Secondary**—Rookie cornerbacks aren't supposed to play in Super Bowl games. But Ron Johnson did. He stepped in on the left side for J.T. Thomas, sidelined by a blood disorder, and learned quickly. He hits as hard as any corner in the league, and gave all-star Mel Blount a fine running mate. If Thomas can play again, he will make it a talented threesome on the flanks. Mike Wagner and Donnie Shell provided superior safety play, with the former roving as a free safety and the latter stifling tight ends on the strongside. Nickel man Tony Dungy is yet another example of the deep Steelers' bench. He had a team-high six interceptions as a spot player! Kick-returner Larry Anderson and ex-Colts' Ray Oldham provide depth.

#### SPECIAL TEAMS

If there was a dark spot in the otherwise

glowing '78 season, it was the kicking of Roy Gerela. He was just 12 of 26 on field goals, and must improve to hold his job. Rookie punter Craig Colquitt came in and did a fine job, leading the NFL in net average with a 35.2 mark. Anderson had a 95-yard TD return among his 37 kickoff run-backs as a rookie. Bell and Smith help out on the returns. Noll's specials would get a big boost if Randy Reutershan, a kamikaze man who suffered a serious head injury in a car accident last fall, is given the okay to play again in '79.

#### THE DRAFT

Noll made a somewhat surprising pick on the first round of the draft when he selected Baylor running back Greg Hawthorne. The running back part wasn't a surprise, but the Hawthorne part was. The 6-2, 220-pounder had suffered a broken hip in the third game against Ohio State and missed most of his senior year. The Steelers are convinced, however, he will be sound and ready to run, pass, and block for them with the same proficiency he did before his injury at Baylor.

The second-round choice, Zack Valentine, a 6-2, 210-pound linebacker from East Carolina, was even more of a shocker. When asked if he knew the Steelers' linebackers, he answered, "Well there's Lambert, and there's Ham, and there's Valentine." That's the kind of optimism and confidence he'll need to play linebacker for the Steelers.

Most other selections, like Michigan running back Russell Davis and USC wide receiver Calvin Sweeney, were made for depth.

But one selection who could "start" is Penn State placekicker Matt Bahr, chosen on the sixth round. Bahr, who also plays for the American Soccer League's Pennsylvania Stoners, set an NCAA accuracy record hitting on 22 of 27 field goal tries last year. The younger brother of Cincinnati's Chris Bahr just might ease out Gerela in 1979.

Other picks who could help are defensive end Dwaine Board of North Carolina A&T (fifth round), defensive back Dwayne Woodruff of Louisville (sixth), and linebacker Tom Graves, who was a safety at Michigan State (eighth). In all, the Steelers had 15 selections.

#### 1978 Season Results

##### PITTSBURGH (14-2)

28	Buffalo	17
21	*Seattle	10
28	Cincinnati	3
15	*Cleveland**	9
28	N.Y. Jets	17
31	*Atlanta	7
34	Cleveland	14
17	*Houston	24
27	*Kansas City	24
20	*New Orleans	14
7	Los Angeles	10
7	*Cincinnati	6
24	San Francisco	7
13	Houston	3
35	*Baltimore	13
21	Denver	17
356		195

\*Home game \*\*Overtime

## 1979 ROSTER

### VETERANS

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	NFL Exp.	Birth-date	College
69	Anderson, Fred	DE-DT	6-5	235	2	10/30/54	Prairie View
30	Anderson, Larry	CB	5-11	177	2	9/25/56	Louisiana Tech
76	Banaszak, John	DE-DT	6-3	244	5	8/24/50	Eastern Michigan
65	Beasley, Tom	DT	6-5	253	2	8/11/54	Virginia Tech
83	Bell, Theo	WR	5-11	180	3	12/21/53	Arizona
20	Bleier, Rocky	RB	5-11	210	11	3/5/46	Notre Dame
47	Blount, Mel	CB	6-3	205	11	4/10/48	Southern University
12	Bradshaw, Terry	QB	6-3	215	10	9/2/48	Louisiana Tech
79	Brown, Larry	T	6-4	245	9	6/16/49	Kansas
56	Cole, Robin	LB	6-2	220	3	9/11/55	New Mexico
5	Colquitt, Craig	P	6-2	182	2	6/9/54	Tennessee
77	Courson, Steve	G	6-1	260	2	10/1/55	South Carolina
89	Cunningham, B.	TE	6-5	247	4	12/23/54	Clemson
57	Davis, Sam	G	6-1	255	13	7/4/44	Allen University
35	Deloplain, Jack	RB	5-10	205	4	4/21/54	Salem, West Virginia
63	Dornbrook, Thom	C-G	6-2	240	1	12/1/56	Kentucky
21	Dungy, Tony	S	6-0	190	3	10/6/55	Minnesota
67	Dunn, Gary	DT	6-3	247	3	8/24/53	Miami
62	Fry, Willie	LB	6-3	240	1	2/23/55	Notre Dame
64	Furness, Steve	DT-DE	6-4	255	8	12/5/50	Rhode Island
10	Gerela, Roy	K	5-10	185	11	4/2/48	New Mexico State
75	Greene, Joe	DT	6-4	264	11	9/24/46	North Texas State
68	Greenwood, L.C.	DE	6-7	250	11	9/8/46	Arkansas A&M
84	Grossman, Randy	TE	6-1	215	6	9/20/52	Temple
59	Ham, Jack	LB	6-1	225	9	12/23/48	Penn State
32	Harris, Franco	RB	6-2	225	8	3/7/50	Penn State
29	Johnson, Ron	CB	5-10	200	2	6/8/56	Eastern Michigan
55	Kolb, Jon	T	6-2	262	11	8/30/47	Oklahoma State
15	Kruczek, Mike	QB	6-1	205	4	3/15/53	Boston College
58	Lambert, Jack	LB	6-4	220	6	7/8/52	Kent State
39	Moser, Rick	RB	6-0	210	2	12/18/56	Rhode Island
72	Mullins, Gerry	G	6-3	244	9	8/24/49	Southern California
25	Oldham, Ray	S	5-11	192	7	2/23/51	Middle Tennessee State
66	Petersen, Ted	C-T	6-5	244	3	2/7/55	Eastern Illinois
74	Pinney, Ray	T-C	6-4	240	4	6/29/54	Washington
31	Shell, Donnie	S	5-11	190	6	8/26/52	South Carolina State
86	Smith, Jim	WR	6-2	205	3	7/20/55	Michigan

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	NFL Exp.	Birth-date	College
82	Stallworth, John	WR	6-2	183	6	7/15/52	Alabama A&M
18	Stoudt, Cliff	QB	6-4	218	3	3/27/55	Youngstown State
88	Swann, Lynn	WR	6-0	180	6	3/7/52	Southern California
24	Thomas, J.T.	CB	6-2	196	6	4/22/51	Florida State
38	Thornton, Sidney	RB	5-11	230	3	9/2/54	Northwestern Louisiana
51	Toews, Loren	LB	6-3	222	7	11/3/51	California
23	Wagner, Mike	S	6-2	200	9	6/22/49	Western Illinois
52	Webster, Mike	C	6-2	250	6	3/18/52	Wisconsin
78	White, Dwight	DE	6-4	255	9	7/30/49	East Texas State
53	Winston, Dennis	LB	6-0	228	3	10/25/55	Arkansas

### DRAFT CHOICES

Choice	Name	No. Selected	Pos.	College
1.	HAWTHORNE, Greg	28	RB	Baylor
2.	VALENTINE, Zack	56	LB	East Carolina
3.	Choice forfeited			
4.	DAVIS, Russell	86	RB	Michigan
	from Tampa Bay through Detroit			
	SWEENEY, Calvin	110	WR	Southern California
5.	BOARD, Dwaine	137	DE	North Carolina A&T
6.	MURRELL, Bill	157	TE	Winston-Salem
	from San Diego			
	WOODRUFF, Dwayne	161	DB	Louisville
	from New England			
	BAHR, Matt	165	K	Penn State
7.	KIMBALL, Bruce	192	G	Massachusetts
8.	GRAVES, Tom	220	LB	Michigan State
9.	KIRK, Richard	248	DE	Denison
10.	THOMPSON, Tod	275	TE	Brigham Young
11.	MOORE, Charlie	303	C	Wichita State
12.	SMITH, Ed	322	LB	Vanderbilt
	from Philadelphia			
	ALMOND, Mike	330	WR	N.W. Louisiana

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**G**eorge Allen often used baseball analogies when he talked about matters of the gridiron. Apparently Sam Rutigliano is following in Allen's footsteps, at least in this regard.

"We hope to win more 'one-run' games and make a strong bid for the AFC Central title," says the Cleveland Browns' second-year coach.

Allen and Rutigliano differ greatly in other areas, however. While it was Allen's theory to get that extra run across with the use of veterans and so-called retreads from other clubs, Rutigliano is a firm believer in the draft. "Teams that will sustain winning are the ones that develop players presently on their rosters along with helping themselves in the draft," he insists.

For the Browns, developing the current talent includes a vigorous off-season program aimed at keeping the players in good shape year round. Rutigliano was pleased with the response, and hopes the off-season work will help the Browns in those close games they always seem to be involved in each fall.

Last season, for instance, Cleveland was in 13 of its 16 games going into the final six minutes, yet finished just 8-8. The Browns lost that infamous overtime game in Pittsburgh, when an obvious official's blunder cost them a fumble recovery at the start of the extra period. And two losses to Houston were by a combined total of seven points.

A reverse of those three games would have put the Browns in the playoffs with an 11-5 mark.

Maybe a bunt here, or a hit-and-run there would have made the difference. Sorry, George.

## OFFENSE

**Quarterbacks**—Brian Sipe is one of those guys not possessed with the greatest of physical attributes, yet blessed with that intangible ability to get the job done. Staying away from injuries, the former San Diego State passer ranked fourth in AFC passing and threw for 21 TDs. Rutigliano backs him with a pair of second-year men, Mark Miller and Johnny Evans. Miller got to throw 39 passes as a rookie while Evans was limited to one aerial (which he completed) and 79 punts.

**Running backs**—Greg Pruitt missed four games and parts of two others because of a calf injury, yet managed 960 yards and 38 receptions as a condensed version of the one-man gang. Greg Pruitt needs some help, although Mike (no relation) Pruitt came through with 560 yards and five TDs last season. Cleo Miller added 336 and Calvin Hill, coaxed out of retirement early in the year, chipped in with 289. Hill probably will be back in '79. The big hope, however, is speedy Larry Collins from Texas A&I. Collins spent most of his rookie year running back kicks, but has enormous potential.

**Receivers**—Ozzie Newsome was such a revelation at tight end as a rookie that Rutigliano was able to deal Oscar Roan, dropped from the starting unit to third team in '78, to Los Angeles for a draft pick. Newsome caught 38 passes and rushed for a 7.4 average on 13 reverses. He's backed by veteran Gary Parris and free-agent Greg Warren. The outside men are led by Reggie Rucker, the often overlooked veteran who had 43 receptions last year, and big David Logan, being compared to former Browns' great Gary Collins. Logan had 37 catches in his first shot at full-time play. Keith Wright, another of the eight draftees to make the squad last year, played mainly on specials but is considered a top prospect despite his 5-9½ stature.

**Offensive line**—Rutigliano said he was pleased with the unit's play in '78, but then dealt tackle Barry Darrow to New Orleans for a draft pick. That opens up a spot which could be filled by the switch of guard Henry Sheppard to tackle, and the insertion of ex-Raider George Buehler at guard. Tackle Doug Dieken, guard Robert E. Jackson, and center Tom DeLeone make up the rest of

the starting unit. Vet Gerry Sullivan who can play center or tackle, and tackle Leo Biedermann are the reserves while guard Pete Pulara, who had a job won as a rookie before undergoing knee surgery, may try again.

## DEFENSE

**Front four**—Rutigliano was looking for help here. His tackles, Earl Edwards (33) and Jerry Sherk (31), are getting along and Sherk finally got in a full season after being bothered by knee problems for a few years. Mack Mitchell led the team with seven sacks and Mike St. Clair was second with five as last year's ends, but the Browns must improve in that area. Mickey Sims, a part-time starter; Ken Novak, a onetime No. 1 draft pick in Baltimore; and Jesse Turnbow, another second-year man, are the veteran support men.

**Linebackers**—It's a brighter picture behind the front four. Dick Ambrose, the middle man, again led the team with 153 tackles while strongside man Charley Hall was second with 122. Gerald Irons was slowed by injuries on the weakside, but he's a steady



No. 15—Mark Miller



No. 12—Don Cockroft



No. 17—Brian Sipe, HC—Sam Rutigliano

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performer. Two youngsters who were first-round draft picks, Robert L. Jackson and Clay Matthews, will be looking to break into the lineup. Jackson has been recovering from knee problems encountered in his rookie training camp (1977).

Secondary—Thom Darden was outstanding as the free safety in '78, intercepting 10 passes and returning them for 200 yards and participating in 100 tackles. All those even numbers got him to the Pro Bowl. His running mate in the final line of defense this year will be either Tony Peters, last year's starting strong safety, or Clarence Scott, making the switch from cornerback. That will leave Ron Bolton and the ever-improving Oliver Davis (six interceptions) at the corners. The subs mostly contributed on specials last year, but Rutigliano will look at Tom London, Ricky Jones, and Randy Rich as potential starters in training camp.

#### SPECIAL TEAMS

Veteran Don Cockroft continued to roll along, hitting on 19 of 28 field goal tries, including an impressive 10 of 14 from 40 yards and beyond. Evans was jittery at times as a rookie but still averaged 39.1 per boot. Wright was the main return man, averaging 26.3 on kickoffs and 7.8 on punts. He received help from Collins on kickoffs and Newsome on punts, but Rich and free-agent Ralph Stringer could aid on the runbacks.

#### THE DRAFT

Rutigliano was unable to satisfy his No. 1 priority in the first round. By time he was to pick 13th, the defensive linemen he wanted were gone. So he swapped first-round choices with San Diego to gain another No. 2. In the first round he wound up with speedy wide receiver Willis Adams of Houston, who, Rutigliano says, will be a Pro Bowl receiver in time and adds badly needed speed to the receiving department.

The Browns didn't forget their priority completely, however, tabbing Kentucky's end James Ramey on the third round and USC tackle Rich Dimler on the fifth. Minnesota's Jim Ronan, a defensive tackle selected on the sixth round, could be the sleeper of the group. If he's not, then that title might fall to San Diego State end Kent Perkoy, an eighth-round choice.

Lawrence Johnson of Wisconsin, a cornerback added on the second round, also increased the overall team speed. Some had Johnson rated as the top cornerback in the draft. The other second-round choice was spent on huge tackle Sammy Claphan (6-6, 260), who'll vie with even huger Matt Miller of Colorado (6-6, 275), picked on the fourth round, to fill the spot left open by Darrow's departure.

Cleveland got some other talented players down the line, the most intriguing of all be-

ing LSU corner Clinton Burrell (sixth round). Burrell was a surefire first-rounder until he damaged a knee. Texas A&M tackle Cody Risien (seventh), Duke linebacker Carl McGee (ninth), Mississippi tight end Curtis Weathers (ninth), Tennessee State receiver John Smith (10th), and Nebraska's defensive end Randy Poeschl, who was hurt in '78 (11th), are others who could make the squad. In all, the Browns had 15 selections.

#### 1978 Season Results

##### CLEVELAND (8-8)

24	*San Francisco	7
13	*Cincinnati**	10
24	Atlanta	16
9	Pittsburgh**	15
13	*Houston	16
24	New Orleans	16
14	*Pittsburgh	34
3	Kansas City	17
41	*Buffalo	20
10	Houston	14
7	*Denver	19
45	Baltimore	24
30	*Los Angeles	19
24	Seattle	47
37	*N.Y. Jets**	34
16	Cincinnati	48
334		356

\*Home game \*\*Overtime

## 1979 ROSTER

### VETERANS

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	NFL Exp.	Birth-date	College
52	Ambrose, Dick	LB	6-0	235	5	1/17/53	Virginia
69	Biedermann, Leo	T	6-7	254	2	10/19/55	California
28	Bolton, Ron	CB	6-2	170	8	4/16/50	Norfolk State
38	Bosarge, Wade	S	5-11	180	2	9/14/55	Tulsa
62	Buehler, George	G	6-2	270	11	8/10/47	Stanford
26	Cassady, Craig	S	5-11	185	2	12/21/53	Ohio State
12	Cockroft, Don	K	6-1	195	12	2/6/45	Adams State
23	Collins, Larry	RB-KR	5-11	189	2	8/8/55	Texas A&I
27	Darden, Thom	S	6-2	193	7	8/28/50	Michigan
21	Davis, Oliver	CB	6-2	200	3	8/29/54	Tennessee State
54	DeLeone, Tom	C	6-2	248	8	8/13/50	Ohio State
73	Dieken, Doug	T	6-5	252	9	2/12/49	Illinois
66	Edwards, Earl	DT	6-7	256	11	3/12/46	Wichita
8	Evans, Johnny	P-QB	6-1	197	2	2/18/56	North Carolina State
83	Feacher, Ricky	WR	5-10	174	4	2/11/54	Mississippi Valley
55	Graf, Dave	LB	6-3	221	5	8/5/53	Penn State
59	Hall, Charlie	LB	6-4	235	9	12/2/48	Houston
35	Hill, Calvin	RB	6-4	227	10	1/2/47	Yale
86	Irons, Gerald	LB	6-2	230	10	5/2/47	Maryland-Eastern Shore
68	Jackson, Robert E. G	S	6-5	250	5	4/1/53	Duke
56	Jackson, Robert L. LB	LB	6-1	230	2	8/7/54	Texas A&M
47	Jones, Ricky	S	6-1	202	3	3/9/55	Tuskegee
85	Logan, Dave	WR	6-4	216	4	2/2/54	Colorado
40	London, Tom	CB	6-1	197	2	6/15/54	North Carolina State
57	Matthews, Clay	LB	6-2	230	2	3/15/56	Southern California
30	Miller, Cleo	FB	5-11	214	6	9/5/52	Arkansas AM&N
15	Miller, Mark	QB	6-2	176	2	8/13/56	Bowling Green
70	Mitchell, Mack	DE	6-8	245	5	8/16/52	Houston
82	Newsome, Ozzie	TE	6-2	225	2	3/15/56	Alabama
75	Novak, Ken	DT	6-7	264	3	7/3/54	Purdue
84	Parris, Gary	TE	6-2	226	7	6/13/50	Florida State
20	Peters, Tony	S	6-2	185	5	4/28/53	Oklahoma
34	Pruitt, Greg	RB	5-10	190	7	8/18/51	Oklahoma
43	Pruitt, Mike	FB	6-0	225	4	4/3/54	Purdue
24	Rich, Randy	CB	5-10	181	3	12/28/53	New Mexico
33	Rucker, Reggie	WR	6-2	190	10	9/21/47	Boston University
74	St. Clair, Mike	DE	6-5	245	4	9/2/53	Grambling
22	Scott, Clarence	CB	6-0	180	9	4/9/49	Kansas State

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	NFL Exp.	Birth-date	College
65	Sheppard, Henry	G	6-6	246	4	11/12/52	Southern Methodist
72	Sherk, Jerry	DT	6-5	250	10	7/7/48	Oklahoma State
78	Sims, Mickey	DT	6-5	282	3	3/5/55	South Carolina State
17	Sipe, Brian	QB	6-1	190	6	8/8/49	San Diego State
79	Sullivan, Gerry	C-T	6-4	250	6	1/15/52	Illinois
71	Turnbow, Jesse	DT	6-7	272	2	10/8/56	Tennessee
89	Wright, Keith	WR-KR	5-10	172	2	1/30/56	Memphis State

### DRAFT CHOICES

Choice	Name	No. Selected	Pos.	College
1.	Choice to San Diego			
	ADAMS, Willis	20	WR	Houston
	from San Diego			
2.	JOHNSON, Lawrence	40	DB	Wisconsin
	CLAPHAN, Sam	47	T	Oklahoma
	from San Diego			
3.	RAMEY, James	70	DE	Kentucky
4.	MILLER, Matt	95	T	Colorado
5.	Choice to Los Angeles			
	DIMLER, Rich	124	DT	Southern California
	from Washington through Los Angeles			
6.	BURRELL, Clinton	151	DB	Louisiana State
	RONAN, Jim	163	DT	Minnesota
	from Los Angeles			
7.	Choice to Philadelphia			
	RISIEN, Cody	183	T	Texas A&M
	from Oakland			
8.	PERKOV, Kent	204	DE	San Diego State
9.	MC GEE, Carl	234	LB	Duke
	WEATHERS, Curtis	241	TE	Mississippi
	from Oakland			
10.	SMITH, John	261	WR	Tennessee State
11.	POESCHL, Randy	287	DE	Nebraska
12.	Choice to Oakland			
	METHVIN, Dewitt	315	C	Tulane
	from Washington			

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# HOUSTON OILERS

## AMERICAN FOOTBALL CONFERENCE CENTRAL DIVISION

**I**mitation is the greatest form of flattery. It also can be the greatest formula for success.

Take the Houston Oilers, for instance. They obviously were impressed with their fellow Texas team, the Dallas Cowboys, and the success Dallas had traded some high draft picks for the opportunity to draft Tony Dorsett in 1977.

So, when the '78 draft rolled around and another superstar quality back was available, the Oilers put together some draft choices with reserve tight end Jimmy Giles, and shipped them to Tampa Bay for the first pick in the draft.

Earl Campbell made perhaps a greater impact as a rookie than did Dorsett, considering he came to a team which hadn't made the playoffs since 1969 and helped it reach the AFC Championship game on that wet, cold field in Three Rivers Stadium last January.

While that shattering 34-5 loss to the eventual champion Steelers denied Campbell and the Oilers a chance at their crosstate rivals in Super Bowl XIII, it couldn't tarnish the overall accomplishments of Houston and its sensational rookie runner.

Campbell rushed for 1450 yards, the league high, and 13 touchdowns. He averaged nearly five yards a pop and in true short-yardage situations—second, third and fourth downs with less than three yards to go—he managed first downs on 37 of 54 carries, a .685 percentage.

Mix that tough-yardage ability with the 81-yard run Monday night performance, then consider the all-around talents of this runner.

Some say Campbell reminds them of Jim Brown. Not a bad imitation.

### OFFENSE

**Quarterbacks**—With Campbell on board to help on the ground, Dan Pastorini was more effective through the air. But the 9-year man from Santa Clara drew most attention from his gutsy performance in the playoffs. Equipped with an experimental jacket to protect some injured ribs and still hobbling on a bad knee, he completed 73% of his passes against Miami and New England before running into the avalanche in Pittsburgh. Coach Bum Phillips had better keep Pastorini healthy because his backups, Gifford Nielsen and Tommy Duniven, have combined for four passing attempts (all by Nielsen) in their careers.

**Running backs**—Campbell greatly upgraded an area which in the past was lacking a topflight runner. The other ball carriers are okay, and each has his pluses. Tim Wilson is a fine blocker; Ronnie Coleman is a good receiver; Rob Carpenter can struggle for that extra yardage (he did last year until knee surgery sidelined him after 11 games). Ex-Browns' Larry Poole and Brian Duncan add depth, but a place will be made for Oklaho-

ma fullback Kenny King, drafted on the third round.

**Receivers**—A preseason trade for ex-Jet Rich Caster proved vital for the Oilers as the season progressed. Caster was obtained primarily for tight end depth, but wound up as a regular wide receiver when first Eddie Foster, then White Shoes Johnson, then Mike Renfro were injured. The expected return of the injured trio, plus Caster and the brilliant Ken Burrough (47 catches) give Phillips a plethora of outside receivers. That's not even counting Johnnie Dirden, Guido Merkens, and Robert Woods, all rookies last year. Mike Barber apparently will recover from that knee injury he suffered against Pittsburgh and Mike Wagner in the championship game. He came on as a top tight end last year, his second with the Oilers.

**Offensive line**—In addition to blocking for a lot of Campbell's yardage, the Oilers' underrated line did the best job of pass protecting in the entire league, allowing just 17 sacks. Greg Sampson established himself as a top offensive tackle in his seventh year out of Stanford. Conway Hayman and Morris Towns alternated at the other tackle. Towns moved to guard when George Reihner, an improving blocker, was sidelined for seven games with knee problems. Steady Ed Fisher is the other guard, with the always productive but always underrated Carl Mauck at center. Long-snapper David Carter and guard John Schuhmacher, plus draftee tackle Mike Taylor from Georgia Tech, are in reserve.

### DEFENSE

**Front three**—Phillips used his first two draft picks to net help for the still competent but nevertheless aging trio of Elvin Bethea (33), Curley Culp (32) and James Young (29). Iowa State's Mike Stensrud and Jacksonville State's Jesse Baker both were chosen on the second round. Andy Dorris (four sacks in limited play), Ken Kennard and Jim-

my Dean are the experienced backups, with Ernest Lee and Jim Mol coming back from rookie seasons lost to injuries.

**Linebackers**—Not surprisingly, the Oilers' fine linebacking quartet of Gregg Bingham, Robert Brazile, Ted Washington, and Steve Kiner ranked one-two-three-four in team tackles, totaling 359 tackles, only 90 less than the rest of the defensive players combined. Bingham and Kiner are steady inside, while the Pro Bowl Brazile and Washington add some flair from the outside. Big Steve Baumgartner, valuable special teamer Ted Thompson, and Art Stringer provide experienced depth, while Oklahoma's well-known Daryl Hunt and Southwest Missouri's unknown Mike Murphy were added through the draft.

**Secondary**—Houston finished an unimpressive 24th against the pass in the NFL last year, but Phillips apparently is happy with his no-name secondary of Willie Alexander, Greg Sternrick, Bill Currier and Mike Reinfeldt. He didn't add a deep back until the seventh



No. 45—Tim Wilson



No. 34—Earl Campbell

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round of the draft. Nevertheless, the starters must improve or face replacement from corner J.C. Wilson or safeties Kurt Knoff and C.L. Whittington.

#### SPECIAL TEAMS

Toni Fritsch connected on 14 of a modest 18 field goal attempts in '78, while Cliff Parsley averaged 38.9 per punt to give the Oilers middle-level kicking production. The loss of Johnson hurt the return game, leaving the kickoff duties to Dirden (24.4 average) and the punt chores to Merkens (10.2), Woods (9.1), and Coleman (8.9). The anticipated re-

turn of the premier returner Johnson, plus a training camp's work with Woods, a college return specialist at Grambling signed as a free agent late last year, should bolster the area. Rookie receiver Richard Ellender of McNeese State is another runback possibility.

#### THE DRAFT

Phillips pulled a surprise move draft day when he dealt his No. 1 pick to Kansas City for a pair of No. 2 selections, one used this year and one to come next spring. He came out looking like a genius, at least he says, because the man he drafted first in the second round, Stensrud, was the man the Oilers were going to take in the first round anyway.

The 6-4, 270-pound Stensrud received a tag of "underachiever" at Iowa State, although he feels he came on stronger at the end of his senior year. He was hampered by injuries throughout his collegiate career, including a shoulder problem late last year which caused him to miss the Senior Bowl.

Baker, a 6-4, 265-pound defensive end, was bounced from the Jacksonville State team as a junior after his coach found him in the same room with some marijuana. But he was reinstated after a schoolmate confessed to possessing the drug. Baker went on to rack up a total 71 tackles and nine sacks as a senior.

King, a 6-0, 200-pounder, averaged nearly eight yards per carry his senior year at Oklahoma, working in the same backfield with

Heisman Trophy winner Billy Sims. Hunt, his college teammate, received a lot of postseason attention, but was drafted on the same sixth round as Murphy, hardly the household name northeast of Southwest Missouri.

Defensive backfield help may be forthcoming from yet another Southwest Missourian, Tim Ries, picked on the seventh round, and USC safety Carter Hartwig, selected on the eighth. Ellender, who returned three punts for scores his senior year at McNeese, was selected on the ninth.

In all, Houston had 10 picks.



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No. 7—Dan Pastorini

#### 1978 Season Results

##### HOUSTON (10-6)

14	Atlanta	20
20	Kansas City	17
20	*San Francisco	19
6	*Los Angeles	10
16	Cleveland	13
17	Oakland	21
17	*Buffalo	10
24	Pittsburgh	17
13	Cincinnati	28
14	*Cleveland	10
26	New England	23
35	*Miami	30
17	*Cincinnati	10
3	*Pittsburgh	13
17	New Orleans	12
24	*San Diego	45
283		298

\*Home game

## 1979 ROSTER

### VETERANS

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	NFL Exp.	Birth-date	College
19	Alexander, Willie	CB	6-3	195	9	9/29/51	Alcorn A&M
86	Barber, Mike	TE	6-3	235	3	6/4/53	Louisiana Tech
63	Baumgartner, S.	LB	6-7	235	4	3/26/51	Purdue
65	Bethea, Elvin	DE	6-2	255	12	3/1/46	North Carolina A&T
54	Bingham, Gregg	LB	6-1	230	7	3/13/51	Purdue
52	Brazile, Robert	LB	6-4	238	5	2/7/53	Jackson State
00	Burroughs, Ken	WR	6-3	210	10	7/14/48	Texas Southern
34	Campbell, Earl	RB	5-11	224	2	3/29/55	Texas
26	Carpenter, Rob	RB	6-1	214	3	4/20/55	Miami, Ohio
58	Carter, David	C	6-2	255	2	11/27/53	Western Kentucky
88	Caster, Rich	WR	6-5	230	9	11/16/48	Jackson State
47	Coleman, Ronnie	RB	5-11	198	6	7/9/51	Alabama A&M
78	Culp, Curley	MG	6-1	265	12	10/10/46	Arizona State
20	Currier, Bill	S	6-0	190	3	1/5/55	South Carolina
67	Dean, Jimmy	DE	6-4	252	2	1/8/55	Texas A&M
81	Dirden, Johnnie	WR-KR	6-0	190	2	3/14/52	Sam Houston State
69	Dorris, Andy	DE	6-4	240	7	8/11/51	New Mexico State
31	Duncan, Brian	RB	6-0	201	4	3/31/52	Southern Methodist
11	Duniven, Tommy	QB	6-3	210	3	5/20/54	Texas Tech
60	Fisher, Ed	G	6-3	250	6	5/31/49	Arizona State
89	Foster, Eddie	WR	5-10	185	2	6/5/54	Houston
16	Fritsch, Toni	K	5-7	195	8	7/10/45	No College
70	Hayman, Conway	T	6-3	260	6	1/9/49	Delaware
15	Johnson, Al	S	6-0	200	8	6/17/50	Cincinnati
84	Johnson, Billy	WR	5-9	170	5	1/21/52	Widener
71	Kennard, Ken	MG	6-2	245	3	10/4/54	Angelo State
57	Kiner, Steve	LB	6-1	225	9	6/12/47	Tennessee
25	Knoff, Kurt	S	6-2	188	4	4/6/54	Kansas
55	Mauck, Carl	C	6-4	250	11	7/7/47	Southern Illinois
29	Merkens, Guido	WR-S	6-1	200	2	8/14/55	Sam Houston State
14	Nielsen, Gifford	QB	6-4	205	2	10/25/54	Brigham Young
18	Parsley, Cliff	P	6-1	211	3	12/26/54	Oklahoma
7	Pastorini, Dan	QB	6-3	205	9	5/26/49	Santa Clara
39	Poole, Larry	RB	6-1	195	4	7/31/52	Kent State
64	Reihner, George	G	6-4	263	3	4/27/55	Penn State
37	Reinfeldt, Mike	S	6-2	195	4	5/6/53	Wisconsin
82	Renfro, Mike	WR	6-0	184	2	6/19/55	Texas Christian
87	Rucker, Conrad	TE	6-3	260	2	11/15/54	Southern

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	NFL Exp.	Birth-date	College
73	Sampson, Greg	T	6-6	270	8	12/25/50	Stanford
62	Schumacher, John G	G	6-3	275	2	9/23/55	Southern California
27	Stemrick, Greg	CB	5-11	185	5	10/25/51	Colorado State
53	Stringer, Art	LB	6-1	223	3	1/30/54	Ball State
51	Thompson, Ted	LB	6-1	220	5	1/17/53	Southern Methodist
76	Towns, Morris	T	6-4	275	2	1/10/54	Missouri
31	Voight, Mike	RB	6-0	214	3	2/28/54	North Carolina
59	Washington, Ted	LB	6-1	245	7	2/16/48	Mississippi Valley
38	Whittington, C.L.	S	6-1	200	6	8/1/52	Prairie View
33	Wilson, J.C.	CB-S	6-0	177	2	3/11/56	Pittsburgh
45	Wilson, Tim	RB	6-3	220	3	1/14/54	Maryland
42	Woods, Robert	WR-KR	5-7	170	2	7/3/55	Grambling
77	Young, James	DE	6-2	260	3	7/8/50	Texas Southern

### DRAFT CHOICES

Choice	Name	No. Selected	Pos.	College
1.	Choice to Kansas City			
2.	STENSURD, Mike	31	DE	Iowa State
	from Kansas City			
	BAKER, Jesse	50	DE	Jacksonville State
3.	KING, Kenny	72	RB	Oklahoma
	from Oakland through Baltimore			
	Choice to Tampa Bay			
4.	Choice to San Diego			
5.	Choice to Tampa Bay			
6.	HUNT, Daryl	143	LB	Oklahoma
	from Buffalo			
	MURPHY, Mike	159	LB	S.W. Missouri
7.	RIES, Tim	171	DB	S.W. Missouri
	from Baltimore			
	Choice to New York Jets			
8.	HARTWIG, Carter	214	DB	Southern California
9.	ELLENDER, Richard	243	WR	McNeese State
10.	Choice exercised in Supplemental Draft			
11.	TAYLOR, Mike	298	T	Georgia Tech
12.	WILSON, Wayne	324	RB	Shepherd College, W.Va.

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# CINCINNATI BENGALS

## AMERICAN FOOTBALL CONFERENCE CENTRAL DIVISION

Prior to last season, Homer Rice's biggest claim to fame was the two years he was listed as "Rice, Rice" in the NCAA coaching lists. He's one of the few men to have coached at a university with the same name, having led the Owls in the 1976 and 1977 seasons.

Rice joined Bill Johnson's staff as an assistant last season, but after five games he was "Rice, Cincinnati" in the NFL head coaching logs. The 52-year-old native of Danville, Kentucky was a professional head coach less than half a season after he left the college ranks.

Cincinnati, considered a prime challenger to Pittsburgh in the AFC Central, was 0-5 when Rice took over for Johnson. His chances of retaining the job past the end of the season looked slim when the Bengals lost seven of the first eight games under his leadership.

But three straight wins at the end of the year, including routs of Atlanta and Cleveland and an upset of the Rams, convinced general manager Paul Brown to keep Rice on for 1979.

Rice's specialty is quarterback, the position he played in Little All-American style at Centre College in the early 1940s. And for the Bengals to bounce back in '79, Rice knows he's got to get a full season out of his veteran quarterback, Ken Anderson.

It was a broken hand suffered by Anderson in preseason last year that doomed Tiger Johnson. John Reaves just didn't do the job as the backup man, so Rice decided to pass up tight end Kellen Winslow to grab Jack Thompson, the Throwin' Samoan, on the third pick of the draft.

### OFFENSE

Quarterbacks—The late-season surge coincided with the return of Anderson to peak form. He wound up with an alarming total of 22 interceptions, but many of those were thrown when he really shouldn't have been in the lineup at all. But Reaves' performance in his place prompted a premature return. Thompson, who threw for 7818 yards in his college career, will be groomed as Anderson's eventual successor, and might well be rushed in if Anderson encounters more physical troubles. USC's Rob Hartel, drafted a year ago, didn't play at all as a rookie.

Running backs—The Bengals were fortunate to get blue-chipper Charles Alexander on their second pick in the first round, and the man who had 1686 yards as a junior at LSU should move in either at halfback or fullback. That means its Benchville for one of the two Ohio Staters who formed the starting backfield most of last year, fullback Pete Johnson or halfback Archie Griffin. Morning line odds have Johnson, who powered for 762 yards, remaining and Griffin sitting. All-purpose Lenvil Elliott, hurt last year; Deacon Turner, who showed some signs of promise as a rookie; special team

ace Tony Davis; and one-time starter Boobie Clark are in reserve.

Receivers—The Bengal outside posts are well-balanced with Isaac Curtis on one side and Billy Brooks on the other. Both can catch short or long. Don Bass, better suited to wide receiver at 6-2, 218, nevertheless did a creditable job at tight end as a rookie and had 27 receptions. His backup men are Jim Corbett and Rick Walker, neither of whom has been able to grab that tight end spot. Second-round draft pick Dan Ross might, however. The reserves on the flanks are Dennis Law and punter Pat McInally.

Offensive line—The emergence of Mike Wilson, the mammoth tackle repatriated from Canada prior to the start of last season, apparently has solidified the Bengals' offensive line. Wilson, a 280-pounder, played well in the later stages of '78 and should team with veteran Vernon Holland at the tackles. Dave Lapham and the messengers, Glenn Bujnoch and Mark Donohue, an 11th-round pick last year, will work the guards. And Blair Bush, who unseated the very first Bengal draft pick of all, Bob Johnson, at center last season, remains in the pivot.

### DEFENSE

Front four—The Bengals started the year in the 3-4, but switched back to the 4-3 after No. 1 draft pick Ross Browner returned from a detached bicep injury. Browner was so outstanding at end that he joined Gary Burley and the young tackle twosome of Eddie Edwards and Wilson Whitley in the front line. This could be the best young quartet in the league. Behind them is second-year man Ted Vincent and draftees James White of Albany (GA) State and Casey Merrill of Cal-Davis.

Linebackers—An injury to Bo Harris helped sabotage the 3-4 a year ago. The

replacements for him at outside linebacker just couldn't do the job, and eventually were released. Now Harris is back from knee surgery, but finds he doesn't have a job, at least at the outset of training camp. Glenn Cameron, moved from inside to outside late in the year, did the job well enough to be considered the incumbent there, but he walked out of a pre-preseason mini-camp and his status was questionable. Jim LeClair, who led the team with 91 tackles and who always gives you a day's work, remains in the middle with the active Reggie Williams on the weak-side. Ron Shumon, Tom DePaso, Tom Dinkel, and Tom Ruud are the backup men.

Secondary—Ken Riley is getting on in years at one corner, while Louis Breedon



No. 87—Pat McInally

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No. 85—Isaac Curtis



No. 14—Ken Anderson

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was victimized often as a rookie at the other in '78. The support for these two includes Ray Griffin, who flopped as a high draft pick last year and was relegated to kickoff returns (he might be tried as a receiver this time) and draftee Vaughn Lusby, another miniature corner. Marvin Cobb and Scott Perry do an adequate job at the safeties, with veteran Dick Jauron, who led the club with four interceptions last year, in reserve. Mel Morgan, who also had a shot at a cornerback job last year, remains on the squad as a reserve.

#### SPECIAL TEAMS

Rice has few worries with his kicking game. Pat McNally took the punting title away from Ray Guy with his 43.1 average, and he had a fine 34.7 net average, too. Chris Bahr was good on 16 of 30 field goals, seven of 13 from 40 yards or more.

Ray Griffin averaged 21.3 per kickoff return while Davis, not your typical punt-return man, had a 5.9 average in that area. Law and rookie Lusby are others who could figure in the kick-runback area.

#### THE DRAFT

There's little doubt Thompson eventually will be an NFL quarterback, and that Alexander should move into a starting backfield spot immediately. Cincinnati also might benefit from the talents of Ross, selected out of Northeastern on the second round after catching 128 passes for nearly 2000 yards his last two seasons. He's 6-4, 235, and reputedly runs a 4.7 40.

White, picked on the fourth round, and Merrill, selected on the fifth, should muscle their ways into jobs as defensive line back-ups. Lusby, also a fourth-round choice,

should catch on for his return abilities, as well as his promise as a cornerback.

Rice got some offensive line depth with third-round pick Barney Cotton, a guard from Nebraska who might be tried at center, and tackle Max Montoya from UCLA (eighth round). Wide receiver Steve Kreider of Lehigh (sixth round) and running back Nathan Poole of Louisville (10th) are others who might help the offense.

Other than White, Merrill, and Lusby, the defensive draftees face long odds at making the squad. Best bet might be the No. 12 choice, safety Jim Browner of Notre Dame, whose brother Ross was the first choice last year.

In all, the Bengals had 14 picks.



HC—Homer Rice, GM—Paul Brown

#### 1978 Season Results

##### CINCINNATI (4-12)

23	*Kansas City	24
10	Cleveland**	13
3	*Pittsburgh	28
18	*New Orleans	20
12	San Francisco	28
0	Miami	21
3	*New England	10
0	Buffalo	5
28	*Houston	13
13	San Diego	22
21	*Oakland	34
6	Pittsburgh	7
10	Houston	17
37	*Atlanta	7
20	Los Angeles	19
48	*Cleveland	16
252		284

\*Home game \*\*Overtime

## 1979 ROSTER

### VETERANS

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	NFL Exp.	Birth-date	College
14	Anderson, Ken	QB	6-2	212	9	2/15/49	Augustana, Ill.
10	Bahr, Chris	K	5-9	170	4	2/3/53	Penn State
84	Bass, Don	TE	6-2	218	2	3/11/56	Houston
34	Breedon, Louis	CB	5-11	185	2	10/26/53	North Carolina Central
82	Brooks, Billy	WR	6-3	202	4	8/20/53	Oklahoma
79	Browner, Ross	DE	6-3	262	2	3/22/54	Notre Dame
74	Bujnoch, Glenn	G	6-5	258	4	12/20/53	Texas A&M
67	Burley, Gary	DE	6-3	265	4	12/8/52	Pittsburgh
58	Bush, Blair	C	6-3	254	2	11/25/56	Washington
50	Cameron, Glenn	LB	6-1	227	5	2/21/53	Florida
42	Clark, Boobie	RB	6-2	245	7	11/8/50	Bethune-Cookman
24	Cobb, Marvin	S	6-0	191	5	8/6/53	Southern California
81	Corbett, Jim	TE	6-3	221	3	2/22/55	Pittsburgh
85	Curtis, Isaac	WR	6-1	192	7	10/20/50	San Diego State
56	Depaso, Tom	LB	6-2	222	2	2/22/56	Penn State
52	Dinkel, Tom	LB	6-3	246	2	7/26/56	Kansas
66	Donahue, Mark	G	6-3	261	2	1/29/56	Michigan
73	Edwards, Eddie	DT	6-4	256	3	4/25/54	Miami
36	Elliott, Lenvil	RB	6-0	210	7	9/2/51	Northeast Missouri
45	Griffin, Archie	RB	5-9	193	4	8/21/54	Ohio State
44	Griffin, Ray	CB-KR	5-10	186	2	6/29/56	Ohio State
53	Harris, Bo	LB	6-3	226	5	1/16/53	Louisiana State
16	Hertel, Rob	QB	6-2	192	2	2/21/55	Southern California
76	Holland, Vernon	T	6-5	265	9	6/28/48	Tennessee State
72	Hunt, Ron	T	6-6	260	4	1/27/55	Oregon
30	Jauron, Dick	S	6-0	184	7	10/7/50	Yale
46	Johnson, Pete	RB	6-0	242	3	3/2/54	Ohio State
62	Lapham, Dave	G	6-4	261	6	6/24/52	Syracuse
83	Law, Dennis	WR-KR	6-1	182	2	4/4/55	East Tennessee State
55	LeClair, Jim	LB	6-3	238	8	10/30/50	North Dakota
87	McNally, Pat	P-WR	6-6	210	4	5/7/53	Harvard
21	Morgan, Melvin	CB	6-0	186	4	3/31/53	Mississippi Valley
32	Perry, Scott	S	6-0	185	4	3/11/54	Williams

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	NFL Exp.	Birth-date	College
11	Reaves, John	QB	6-3	210	8	3/2/50	Florida
13	Riley, Ken	CB	6-0	185	11	8/6/47	Florida A&M
51	Ruud, Tom	LB	6-2	223	5	7/26/53	Nebraska
59	Shumon, Ron	LB	6-1	225	2	12/11/55	Wichita State
22	Turner, Deacon	RB	5-11	212	2	1/2/55	San Diego State
78	Vincent, Ted	DT	6-4	262	2	8/10/56	Wichita State
88	Walker, Rick	TE	6-3	237	3	5/28/55	UCLA
75	Whitley, Wilson	DT	6-3	264	3	4/28/55	Houston
57	Williams, Reggie	LB	6-1	228	4	9/19/54	Dartmouth
77	Wilson, Mike	T	6-5	280	2	5/28/55	Georgia

### DRAFT CHOICES

Choice	Name	No. Selected	Pos.	College
1.	THOMPSON, Jack	3	QB	Washington State
	ALEXANDER, Charles	12	RB	Louisiana State
	from Washington			
2.	ROSS, Dan	30	TE	Northeastern
3.	COTTON, Barney	59	G	Nebraska
4.	WHITE, James	84	DT	Albany State
	LUSBY, Vaughn	91	DB	Arkansas
	from Chicago			
5.	MERRILL, Casey	113	DE	Cal-Davis
6.	KREIDER, Steve	139	WR	Lehigh
7.	MONTTOYA, Max	168	T	UCLA
8.	KURNICK, Howard	194	LB	Cincinnati
9.	BURK, Scott	223	DB	Oklahoma State
10.	POOLE, Nathan	250	RB	Louisville
11.	BUNGARDA, Ken	278	DT	Missouri
12.	BROWNER, Jim	304	DB	Notre Dame

COACHES: HOMER RICE, Howard Brinker, Boyd Dowler, Frank Ganzs, Mike McCormack, Dick Modzelewski, George Sefcik, Charlie Winner, Kim Wood.



# DENVER BRONCOS

## AMERICAN FOOTBALL CONFERENCE WESTERN DIVISION

**W**ith that element of surprise stripped from its arsenal by an appearance in Super Bowl XII, Denver played other clubs on more-or-less even terms a year ago. The blitz of Broncomania and Orange Crush, while still prevalent in the Rockies, didn't have the same determining effect as it did in '77.

Even so, the Broncos didn't have a bad year in their "What can you do for an encore?" season. They won 10 of 16 regular-season games, then lost to the eventual champion Steelers in the playoffs. For a franchise that hasn't exactly built in a long tradition of winning seasons, that would appear to be enough to keep everyone happy.

But for a franchise coming off a Super Bowl year, it really wasn't enough.

Red Miller, the man who helped orchestrate the '77 success, is well aware of the areas he must upgrade if the Broncos are going to return to the Super Bowl in the near future. Players can give more than 100% at times, but over a period of seasons the percentages will catch up with them. The Broncos need more talent at a few positions.

Denver's draft indicated a need at offensive tackle, cornerback, and quarterback. Miller was shuffling his offensive front most of the 1978 training camp, and wound up with his old buddy from New England, Tom Neville, as a starting tackle.

Pittsburgh's wide receivers sent the jury out again on Steve Foley as a regular corner in the AFC playoff game. And Craig Morton, while still doing a good job, seemed to yield more and more to Norris Weese and Craig Penrose at quarterback.

Strengthening those few areas should put Denver back in the hunt for the big one. But once again everyone will be looking for those men in orange, who sneaked past the entire AFC in 1977.

### OFFENSE

**Quarterbacks**—Morton had another fine season statistically, throwing only eight interceptions and completing almost 55% of his throws. But the spark he supplied in 1977 was missing. Weese, the scrambler bred in the World Football League, and the strong-armed Penrose were called upon at various times when Morton either was injured or ineffective. Now entering the picture is an intriguing fifth-round draft pick, Michigan's Rick Leach, who, if he bypasses baseball, could supply some of Weese's mobility along with some of Penrose's passing ability at the same time. Some day.

**Running backs**—Miller continued his policy of rotating his runners, and his stable came through with six backs gaining from 455 to 296 yards. Leading the brigade was Lonnie Perrin (455), with Jon Keyworth only 11 behind. Otis Armstrong led the halfbacks with 381, 40 more than Rob Lytle. The other pair of runners was a surprise. Fullback Larry Canada made the most of a second training

camp opportunity and gained 365 yards with the best average (4.6) of any Bronco back. Halfback Dave Preston, cut by the Patriots in '77, chipped in with 296 yards and a 4.5 norm. Jim Jensen, one of the '77 rotators sidelined all last year, will be back for '79.

**Receivers**—Riley Odoms was the top pass catcher in '78, grabbing 54 passes, six for TDs, from his tight end spot. The Broncos have no problems here, unless backup man Ron Egloff has trouble recovering from an injury that cost him the last half of the '78 season. Ex-Raider Bob Moore is around for insurance. Haven Moses, one of the leaders of the '77 postseason heroics, and Jack Dolbin remain the outside men, with return specialist Rick Upchurch, John Schultz, Vince Kinney, and free-agent Steve Senini in reserve.

**Offensive line**—Kelvin Clark, a tackle from Nebraska, was Miller's No. 1 draft pick. Despite the difficulty rookie offensive linemen have starting in their first seasons, Clark might be in there this fall. Claudie Minor remained solid at one tackle but Neville was more or less a stopgap at the other. Paul Howard missed three games with a sternum injury, while Tom Glassic was out five with ankle woes. That forced tackle Glenn Hyde to shift to guard at the end of the year, although Steve Schindler remains available there, too. Smallish Bill Bryan took over at center, and with Bobby Maples retiring, probably will be backed by one of the myriad of free-agent types Miller has brought in to make camp interesting.

### DEFENSE

**Front three**—Lyle Alzado, one of the finest pure pass rushers in the league; middle-guard Rubin Carter, a fighter on every play; and the steady Barney Chavous continued to give Denver fine production from the defensive front. Again Miller rested his starting trio with John Grant, Brison Manor, and rookie middle man Don Latimer, who impressed in his first season. Joining the six-pack is rookie Bruce Radford of Grambling, plus Gary Silvestri, injured all last year, and free-agent Kit Lathrop.

**Linebackers**—Like the defensive front, the Bronco linebackers can play with any unit in the league, surprise element or no surprise element. Randy Gradishar has become a legitimate all-pro inside while Tom Jackson remains the big-play man on the outside. Their running mates, Rob Swenson and Joe Rizzo, aren't exactly slouches. Special team stars Godwin Turk, Rob Nairne and Larry Evans are the chief reserves, with free-agent Ken Moore and draftee Jeff McIntyre joining the group.

**Secondary**—Cornerback Louis Wright had two interceptions and made the Pro Bowl; fellow corner Foley had six interceptions and faces possible replacement. That indicates how teams tended to throw away from Wright and at Foley in 1978. Again corner-

back is a tough spot for a rookie, but Charles Jefferson of McNeese State might get a chance to open there. Bill Thompson and Bernard Jackson gave solid efforts from the safety spots. Maurice Harvey, picked up on waivers from Oakland before the start of the '78 season; Chris Pane, free-agent corner Tony Sumler and veteran Charlie West (perhaps) will provide depth.



No. 7—Craig Morton



No. 53—Randy Gradishar

# SPECIAL TEAMS

Miller drafted BOTH a placekicker and a punter, indicating he'll make some changes in his kicking game. Veteran Jim Turner finally may have had it after 15 productive pro seasons. He was just 11 of 22 in '78, and faces challenges (if he doesn't retire before camp) from draftee Dave Jacobs plus free-agents Fred Steinfort (Oakland and Atlanta), Dave Leavitt (Atlanta and Tampa

Bay), and Jay Sherrill (Dallas). Bucky Dilts averaged just 36.4 for each of his left-footed punts, so enter Luke Prestridge, who averaged 42.7 last year and 43.7 the year before that at Baylor. Upchurch, despite some injuries, led the NFL in punt returns with a 13.7 average, and had a 75-yard TD return. Upchurch, Perrin, Bernard Jackson, and Preston handled the kickoff runbacks last year, although Schultz, when healthy, is a good return man, too.

# THE DRAFT

Miller compared the 6-3, 270-pound Clark to John Hannah, whom he handled as offensive line coach in New England. "Like Hannah, he'll need some work on his pass blocking, but I think he has a chance to come in and start right away," said the coach of Clark, who bench presses 420 pounds.

Radford, a 6-4, 265-pounder taken on the third round, is considered a good pass rusher, and might earn an end post on the second defensive line trio. Jefferson, a 6-0, 170-pounder selected No. 4, finished eighth on the NCAA career interception list with 20, including six last year. He also could be a factor at safety, and as a returner.

After selecting Leach, the 4-year starter from Michigan, on the fifth round, Miller received a call from Dallas personnel whiz Gil Brandt. "Congratulations, coach, you just made the best pick of the draft," Brandt told Miller. The southpaw never got a chance to

demonstrate his arm that much in college, but showed off well in the postseason.

McIntyre (sixth round), is a big one at 6-4, 233, and he played the middle at Arizona State.

Other draft choices, beside the kickers, were Rice wide receiver Charlie Taylor (ninth), a non-starter in college; and Temple running back Zach Dixon (11th), considered a breakout threat.

In all, Denver had nine selections.



No. 68—Rubin Carter

# 1978 Season Results

# DENVER (10-6)

14	*Oakland	6
9	Minnesota**	12
27	*San Diego	14
23	Kansas City**	17
28	*Seattle	7
0	San Diego	23
16	*Chicago	7
6	Baltimore	7
20	Seattle**	17
28	*N.Y. Jets	31
19	Cleveland	7
16	*Green Bay	3
14	Detroit	17
21	Oakland	6
24	*Kansas City	3
17	*Pittsburgh	21
282		198

\*Home game \*\*Overtime

# 1979 ROSTER

# VETERANS

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	NFL Exp.	Birth-date	College
77	Alzado, Lyle	DE	6-3	250	9	4/3/49	Yankton
24	Armstrong, Otis	RB	5-10	196	7	11/15/50	Purdue
64	Bryan, Bill	C	6-2	244	3	6/21/55	Duke
35	Canada, Larry	FB	6-2	235	2	12/16/54	Wisconsin
68	Carter, Rubin	DT	6-0	256	5	12/12/52	Miami
79	Chavous, Barney	DE	6-3	252	7	3/22/51	South Carolina State
10	Dilts, Bucky	P	5-9	183	3	12/6/53	Georgia
82	Dolbin, Jack	WR	5-10	180	5	10/12/48	Wake Forest
85	Egloff, Ron	TE	6-5	238	3	10/3/55	Wisconsin
56	Evans, Larry	LB	6-2	216	4	7/11/53	Mississippi College
43	Foley, Steve	CB	6-2	190	4	11/11/53	Tulane
62	Glassic, Tom	G	6-2	254	4	4/17/54	Virginia
53	Gradishar, Randy	LB	6-3	233	6	3/3/52	Ohio State
63	Grant, John	DT	6-3	246	7	6/28/50	Southern California
27	Harvey, Maurice	CB-S	5-10	190	2	1/14/56	Ball State
60	Howard, Paul	G	6-3	260	6	9/12/50	Brigham Young
65	Hyde, Glenn	T	6-3	250	4	3/14/51	Pittsburgh
29	Jackson, Bernard	S	6-0	178	8	9/24/50	Washington State
57	Jackson, Tom	LB	5-11	220	7	4/4/51	Louisville
30	Jensen, Jim	RB	6-3	240	3	11/28/53	Iowa
32	Keyworth, Jon	RB	6-3	230	6	12/15/50	Colorado
84	Kinney, Vince	WR	6-2	190	2	3/17/56	Maryland
72	Latimer, Don	DT	6-3	265	2	3/11/55	Miami
41	Lytle, Rob	RB	6-1	195	3	11/12/54	Michigan
66	Manor, Brison	DE	6-4	248	3	8/10/52	Arkansas
71	Minor, Claudie	T	6-4	280	6	4/21/51	San Diego State
87	Moore, Bob	TE	6-3	225	9	2/12/49	Stanford
	Moore, Kenneth	LB	6-4	232	3	7/25/54	Northern Illinois
7	Morton, Craig	QB	6-4	210	15	2/5/43	California
25	Moses, Haven	WR	6-2	200	12	7/27/46	San Diego State
58	Nairne, Rob	LB	6-4	220	3	3/24/54	Oregon State
76	Neville, Tom	T	6-4	250	14	8/12/43	Mississippi State
88	Odoms, Riley	TE	6-4	230	8	3/1/50	Houston

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	NFL Exp.	Birth-date	College
23	Pane, Chris	CB	5-11	180	4	5/19/53	Chico State
12	Penrose, Craig	QB	6-3	205	4	7/25/53	San Diego State
33	Perrin, Lonnie	RB	6-1	222	4	2/3/51	Illinois
46	Preston, Dave	RB	5-10	195	2	5/29/55	Bowling Green
59	Rizzo, Joe	LB	6-1	220	6	12/17/50	Merchant Marine Academy
67	Schindler, Steve	G	6-3	260	3	7/24/54	Boston College
86	Schultz, John	WR	5-10	182	4	6/10/53	Maryland
	Steinfort, Fred	K	5-11	188	3	11/3/52	Boston College
51	Swenson, Bob	LB	6-3	220	5	7/1/53	California
	Thompson, Bill	S	6-1	200	11	10/10/46	Maryland-Eastern Shore
55	Turk, Godwin	LB	6-3	230	6	10/15/50	Southern
15	Turner, Jim	K	6-2	205	16	3/28/41	Utah State
80	Upchurch, Rick	WR-KR	5-10	170	5	5/20/52	Minnesota
14	Weese, Norris	QB	6-1	195	4	8/12/51	Mississippi
40	West, Charlie	S	6-1	195	12	8/31/46	Texas-El Paso
20	Wright, Louis	CB	6-2	195	5	1/31/53	San Jose State

# DRAFT CHOICES

Choice	Name	No. Selected	Pos.	College
1.	CLARK, Kelvin	22	T	Nebraska
2.	Choice to Buffalo			
3.	RADFORD, Bruce	77	DE	Grambling
4.	JEFFERSON, Charles	105	DB	McNeese State
5.	LEACH, Rick	132	QB	Michigan
6.	MC INTYRE, Jeff	148	LB	Arizona State
	from Detroit			
	Choice to Dallas			
7.	PRESTRIDGE, Luke	188	P	Baylor
8.	Choice to Miami			
9.	TAYLOR, Charlie	242	WR	Rice
10.	Choice to New England			
11.	DIXON, Zachary	297	RB	Temple
12.	JACOBS, Dave	325	K	Syracuse

COACHES: RED MILLER, Marv Braden, Joe Collier, Whitey Dovell, Stan Jones, Richie McCabe, Babe Parilli, Fran Poltfoot, Paul Roach, Bob Zeman.





# SEATTLE SEAHAWKS

## AMERICAN FOOTBALL CONFERENCE WESTERN DIVISION

In their third season, the Dallas Cowboys won five, lost eight, tied one.

In their third season, the Minnesota Vikings won five, lost eight, tied one.

In their third season, the Miami Dolphins won five, lost eight, tied one.

In their third season, the Seattle Seahawks won nine, lost seven, tied none.

The Seahawks certainly are ahead of the pace of the National Football League's three most successful expansion franchises. In fact, only one other expansion team climbed over the .500 mark in its third season, and that was Cincinnati, which was 8-6 in 1970.

Whether Seattle continues to surpass the rates of growth of the Cowboys, Vikings and Dolphins remains to be seen. But Jack Patera's club certainly appears capable of continued improvement, with a young nucleus of already proven stars on offense, and potential stars on defense.

Only New England and Dallas gained more total yards than Seattle in 1978; only the Colts and the Jets gave up more total yardage than the Seahawks. Patera, however, has tilted his last two drafts to the defensive side in an effort to strengthen the area that was his specialty when he was an assistant at Minnesota and elsewhere.

"We'll get better at stopping the other guy," Patera promised, "and he's still got to stop us."

That means stopping Jim Zorn and Steve Largent and Sherman Smith and David Sims, among others. The talented "skill people" have made the difference for Seattle, hardly considered expansion anymore by its opponents.

### OFFENSE

Quarterbacks—Zorn, the southpaw scrambler who almost was good enough to make the Cowboys in their 16th year of existence, has taken the great northwest by storm (see page 32). He ranked sixth in AFC passing, with only his 20 interceptions standing between him and an even higher ranking. He also averaged nearly five yards per scramble, and added six rushing TDs to his 15 scoring aeriels. Patera is lucky to have a capable backup in Steve Myer, since Zorn has been subject to a dinging or two because of his style. No. 3 man, Sam Adkins, is untested.

Running backs—Seattle can thank Dallas for Zorn, Minnesota for Patera, and Miami for Sherman Smith—Miami of Ohio, that is. The one-time collegiate quarterback rambled for 805 yards and caught 28 passes last season, despite missing four games with a shoulder injury. His running mate, Sims, led the league with 15 touchdowns scored, 14 of them on the ground where he totaled 752 yards. He, too, missed four games, but his was a knee problem. Al Hunter (348 yards) is the prime backup, with Tony Benjamin coming back from an injury which held him to one carry in '78.

Receivers—Largent starred in the Pro Bowl

after a season that saw him catch 71 passes, eight for TDs. The Seahawks can thank Houston for him. The Oilers let him go to Seattle four years ago. His running mate Sammy McCullum (37 catches) is a former Viking. Steve Raible, with great physical attributes, is becoming more and more of a factor each season. He grabbed 22 passes last year while ex-Cowboy Duke Ferguson had 11 catches. Ron Howard didn't have that many happy days at tight end, however, with only 18 catches. So enter Mark Bell, twin brother of Kansas City top draft pick Mike, to battle Howard and veteran John Sawyer at tight end.

Offensive line—One of the greatest areas of improvement in three shorts years has been the Seahawks' offensive line. Tackle Steve August and guard Tom Lynch, both products of that Tony Dorsett trade in '77, have established themselves as starters. Nick Bebout, the other tackle, is steady. Bob Newton held down the other guard last year but Ron Coder, returning from a back injury that cost him '78, will challenge again. And John Yarno is one of the better young centers in the league. Young Louis Bullard, old Norm Evans, former Charger Charlie Aiu and center Art Kuehn are the reserves.

### DEFENSE

Front four—Perhaps the Seahawks' major disappointment has been the lack of progress by their first draft choice ever, Notre Dame's Steve Niehaus. He's a backup tackle now. Dennis Boyd and Bill Sandifer started at the tackles last year, but Manu Tuiaososo-

po, the No. 1 draft pick from UCLA, may break in right away. Ernie Price, salvaged from Detroit, and Bill Gregory, formerly in Dallas, are the starting ends backed by the extra-voweled Dave Kraayeveld, whose presence as an extra man on the field cost Seattle a game against Denver last year. Robert Hardy, a draft pick from Jackson State could find work.

Linebackers—Patera has a fourth-year man, Sammy Green; a third-year man, Terry Beeson; and a second-year man, Keith Butler, as his regulars. All are top prospects. All should continue to improve. Beeson already is considered in the upper echelon of inside backers. Charles McShane and Pete Cronan are the veteran reserves, but two high draft picks, Indiana's Joe Norman and Washington's Michael Jackson, appear destined to win jobs, at least as reserves.

Secondary—Seattle drafted Keith Simpson as a first-rounder, and John Harris as an afterthought. But Harris started at free safety last year, and had four interceptions. Simpson was a reserve corner and nickel back, with two thefts. But he might challenge one



No. 83—Steve Raible



No. 80—Steve Largent

of the two incumbents, Dave Brown and Cornell Webster, although Webster came from nowhere not only to earn a starting job but to lead the team with five interceptions. Kerry Justin, a free-agent find, also is available on the corners while Doug Long and Don Dufek, out all last year with an injury, support the safeties.



No. 84—Sam McCullum

#### SPECIAL TEAMS

Efren Herrera's contract squabble with the Cowboys proved a bonus to the Seahawks, who took on the placekicker and saw him boot home 13 of 21 field goals, including the big 46-yarder that beat the Raiders in Oakland for one of Seattle's most satisfying wins. Herman Weaver averaged a modest 37 yards per punt, kicking fewer times than any AFC kicker other than New England's Jerrel Wilson. Rufus Crawford may get more of a look as a running back this time after averaging 8.4 on punt returns and 23.7 on kick-off runbacks. Hunter, Fergerson, Harris and rookie runners Ezra Tate and Jeff Moore are other runback possibilities.

#### THE DRAFT

Tuiasosopo, whose name just seemed to roll off the tongue of Keith Jackson on those NCAA telecasts, was something of a surprise pick on the first round. He played the nose-guard in college, or if you prefer, the nose tackle. "I don't care what you call it, we don't have that position," Patera said.

Seattle plays the standard 4-3, so Tuiasosopo, "the best Samoan available," according to general manager John Thompson, will play tackle. He performed in that spot at times in college. The 6-3, 260-pounder was an extremely active lineman for the Bruins, notching 279 career tackles, 101 of them as a senior when he also had five sacks.

Norman and Jackson, taken on the second and third rounds, respectively, both are a little undersized (Norman is 6-1, 211; Jackson, 6-1, 220). But both were quick, smart hard-hitters in college, and should help immediately on the Seahawks' special squads.

Jackson, a member of Washington's Rose Bowl champions of 1978, should be a popular player among the Kingdom faithful, too.

Mark Bell, the tight end from Colorado State chosen No. 5, primarily was a blocker in college. But at 6-4, 238, and with decent speed, he could become a prime target in the short and middle zones.

The Seahawks may find some backup running aid from lower picks Tate (ninth round), who averaged 5.9 per carry as a senior at Mississippi College, and Moore (12th), who gained 7.3 per try his senior year at Jackson State. His college teammate, 250-pound Hardy, was selected on the 10th round.

In all, Seattle had nine selections.

#### 1978 Season Results

##### SEATTLE (9-7)

20	*San Diego	24
10	Pittsburgh	21
24	N.Y. Jets	17
28	*Detroit	16
7	Denver	28
29	*Minnesota	28
28	Green Bay	45
27	*Oakland	7
17	*Denver	20
31	Chicago	29
14	*Baltimore	17
13	Kansas City	10
17	Oakland	16
47	*Cleveland	24
10	San Diego	37
23	*Kansas City	19
345		358

\*Home game

## 1979 ROSTER

### VETERANS

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	NFL Exp.	Birth-date	College
12	Adkins, Sam	QB	6-2	214	3	5/21/55	Wichita State
64	Aiu, Charlie	QB	6-2	250	4	5/22/54	Hawaii
76	August, Steve	T	6-5	254	3	9/4/54	Tulsa
27	Beamon, Autry	S	6-1	190	5	11/12/53	East Texas State
63	Bebout, Nick	T	6-5	260	7	5/5/51	Wyoming
58	Beeson, Terry	LB	6-3	240	3	9/19/55	Kansas
31	Benjamin, Tony	FB	6-3	225	3	10/27/55	Duke
68	Boyd, Dennis	DT	6-6	255	3	11/5/55	Oregon State
22	Brown, Dave	CB	6-1	190	5	1/16/53	Michigan
72	Bullard, Louis	T	6-6	265	2	5/6/56	Jackson State
53	Butler, Keith	LB	6-4	225	2	5/16/56	Memphis State
60	Coder, Ron	G	6-4	250	3	5/24/54	Penn State
34	Crawford, Rufus	RB	5-10	180	2	5/21/55	Virginia State
57	Cronan, Peter	LB	6-2	238	3	1/13/55	Boston College
25	Dufek, Don	S	6-0	195	3	4/28/54	Michigan
73	Evans, Norm	T	6-5	250	15	9/28/42	Texas Christian
89	Fergerson, Duke	WR	6-1	185	3	4/21/54	San Diego State
56	Green, Sammy	LB	6-2	230	4	10/12/54	Florida
77	Gregory, Bill	DE	6-5	260	9	12/14/49	Wisconsin
85	Hatley, Marcus	TE	6-2	230	1	9/22/55	Tulsa
9	Korvas, Mike	P	5-10	183	1	9/29/56	Weaver State
44	Harris, John	S	6-2	200	2	6/13/56	Arizona State
1	Herrera, Efren	K	5-9	190	5	7/30/51	UCLA
87	Howard, Ron	TE	6-4	230	6	3/3/51	Seattle
24	Hunter, Al	RB-KR	5-11	195	3	2/21/55	Notre Dame
26	Justin, Kerry	CB	5-11	175	2	5/3/55	Oregon State
70	Kraayeveld, Dave	DE	6-5	255	2	10/26/55	Milton
54	Kuehn, Art	C	6-3	255	4	2/21/53	UCLA
80	Largent, Steve	WR	5-11	184	4	9/28/54	Tulsa
23	Long, Doug	S	5-11	189	2	5/24/55	Whitworth
61	Lynch, Tom	G	6-5	260	3	5/24/55	Boston College
84	McCullum, Sam	WR	6-2	203	6	11/30/52	Montana State
59	McShane, Charles	LB	6-3	230	3	1/4/54	Cal Lutheran
16	Myer, Steve	QB	6-2	200	4	7/17/54	New Mexico

COACHES: JACK PATERA, Jack Christiansen, Andy MacDonald, Jim Mora, Howard Mudd, Larry Peccatiello, Jerry Rhome, Rusty Tillman.

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	NFL Exp.	Birth-date	College
78	Newton, Bob	G	6-5	250	9	8/16/49	Nebraska
71	Niehaus, Steve	DT	6-4	265	4	9/25/54	Notre Dame
88	Peets, Brian	TE	6-4	225	2	11/15/56	Pacific
62	Price, Ernie	DE	6-4	245	7	9/20/50	Texas A&I
83	Raible, Steve	WR	6-2	195	4	6/2/54	Georgia Tech
66	Sandifer, Bill	DT	6-6	260	6	1/5/52	UCLA
81	Sawyer, John	TE	6-2	230	5	7/26/53	Southern Mississippi
42	Simpson, Keith	CB	6-1	195	2	3/9/56	Memphis State
35	Sims, David	FB	6-3	216	3	10/26/55	Georgia Tech
47	Smith, Sherman	RB	6-4	225	4	11/1/54	Miami, Ohio
18	Weaver, Herman	P	6-4	210	10	11/17/48	Tennessee
38	Webster, Cornell	CB	6-0	180	2	11/2/54	Tulsa
51	Yarno, John	C	6-5	251	3	12/17/54	Idaho
10	Zorn, Jim	QB	6-2	200	4	5/10/53	Cal Poly-Pomona

### DRAFT CHOICES

Choice	Name	No. Selected	Pos.	College
1.	TUIASOPO, Manu	18	DT	UCLA
2.	NORMAN, Joe	45	LB	Indiana
3.	JACKSON, Michael	57	LB	Washington
	from San Francisco			
	Choice to Dallas			
4.	BELL, Mark E.	102	TE	Colorado State
5.	Choice to Dallas			
6.	Choice to Dallas			
7.	POLOWSKI, Larry	169	LB	Boise State
	from Tampa Bay through Washington			
	Choice to Washington			
	Choice to Detroit			
9.	TATE, Ezra	240	RB	Mississippi College
10.	HARDY, Robert	267	DT	Jackson State
11.	HINESLY, Jim	293	G	Michigan State
12.	MOORE, Jeff	319	RB	Jackson State



# SAN DIEGO CHARGERS

## AMERICAN FOOTBALL CONFERENCE WESTERN DIVISION

If the National Football League divided its season into halves, then the San Diego Chargers would have tied the eventual world-champion Pittsburgh Steelers for second-half honors. The Chargers won seven of their last eight games, the same mark the Steelers managed over the final eight weeks.

Unfortunately for Charger fans, they don't pay off on halves in the NFL. So while the Steelers parlayed the 7-1 finish with a similar start in gaining the playoffs and the eventual championship, San Diego added its great finish onto a 2-6 opening to become just another team.

But the Chargers could be a lot more than just another team if they pick up where they left off last season. With Don Coryell, the hard-working master offensive technician in control, this could be the year San Diego rises to the top in the AFL West.

Coryell lost Ray Perkins, the man who programmed the San Diego offense into the best passing attack and fourth-best overall unit in the league. Perkins, of course, is the Giants' new head coach. But Coryell himself is no slouch at putting points on the scoreboard, as he demonstrated in his days with the Cardinals and at San Diego State. Once, when at St. Louis, Coryell's Cardinals were subjected to a dazzling one man attack by the Redskins' Mike Thomas, and now Coryell has acquired Thomas. It's an offense-minded move by an offense-oriented coach.

It appears the second half of the season was more indicative of the real San Diego Chargers than was the first half. That could mean bad news for the other AFC West members in '79.

### OFFENSE

Quarterbacks—Dan Fouts, for a long time one of the great untapped talents, was tapped last season. He emerged as one of the league's best, throwing for 2999 yards and 24 TDs. His rating was third in the league to Roger Staubach and Terry Bradshaw, and in his last three games (which the Chargers won by a combined point total of 122-41) Fouts completed 59 of 97 passes for 917 yards and nine touchdowns. Behind the now firmly established starter are veteran James Harris and Cliff Olander, who'll be entering his third year.

Running backs—The Chargers made some headlines near the end of their 1978 training camp by acquiring unhappy Lydell Mitchell from Baltimore. Mitchell responded with 820 yards rushing and a team-high 57 receptions. This year, they acquired unhappy Mike Thomas from Washington for a draft choice. Don Woods was Mitchell's running mate most of '78, totalling 514 yards. But Hank "The Howitzer" Bauer was a key contributor off the bench, gaining 304 yards, scoring eight touchdowns, and "breaking" San Diego's longest run of the year, a modest 37-yarder. Bo Matthews and Clarence Williams both were slowed by injuries while Rickey

Anderson played sparingly his first season. The key is Thomas. If he gets over the moods he had in Washington, the Chargers will have an outstanding one-two punch.

Receivers—John Jefferson didn't play sparingly his first season, nor did he spare opposing cornerbacks. The first-round draft pick from Arizona State was an instant sensation, catching 56 passes for 1001 yards and 13 touchdowns, a league high. His running mate should come from among several top operatives: veteran Charlie Joiner (33 catches); onetime Heisman Trophy winner Johnny Rodgers, who underwent knee surgery after six games; one-time Olympic sprinter Larry Burton, who caught five passes, three for TDs in three games; and vets Dwight McDonald and Artie Owens. Rookie Kellen Winslow should beat out Bob Klein (34 catches), Pat Curran, and Greg McCrary at tight end, although former safety Keith King will get a trial there, too.

Offensive line—Fullback Rickey Young was traded to Minnesota for guard Ed White. And while Young may have been missed some in the backfield, strongman White solidified the offensive line. He teams with Doug Wilkerson, who has started 114 straight games and played poorly in very few of them. Big Russ Washington has been in the line-up 156 straight times at right tackle, where he gained Pro Bowl honors last year. Billy Shields faces challenges from Milton Hardaway, who at 6-9, 309 dwarfs even the 6-7, 285-pound Washington; and former center Bob Rush. Speaking of the pivot, Don Macek, moved over from guard with the arrival of White, and Ralph Perretta run one-two there.

### DEFENSE

Front four—Kelcher, like Washington and Jefferson a Pro Bowler last year, is the giant (6-5, 282) on defense. He teams with Gary "Big Hands" Johnson at the tackles. Fred

Dean led the team with 15½ sacks from one end while Leroy Jones mans the other terminal. The Chargers totaled a team-record 54 sacks in '78, finishing third behind Dallas (58) and Detroit (55) in that department. Big (isn't everybody on this team big?) Wilbur Young, Charlie DeJurnett, and John Lee are the tested reserves.

Linebackers—Woodrow Lowe and Don Goode were expected to be solid on the outside. But the Chargers received a boost from the unexpected play of Bob Horn in the middle. He led the team in tackles and was the most consistent middle man San Diego has had in many seasons. He beat out Jim Laskovic, acquired from Detroit, to earn the job. Lowe, who has started every game in his three seasons, plays bigger than his 6-0, 220 pounds. Goode is one of the better strongside backers in the league. Rick Middleton and Ray Preston are the chief reserves on the outside, with ex-Packer star Fred Carr getting a comeback shot.

Secondary—The Chargers solved one of their major problems when they acquired the veteran Willie Buchanan from Green Bay for a No. 1 pick in 1980, plus a seventh choice last May. Buchanan, a former San Diego State star, had nine interceptions in '78, including four in a game with the Chargers. He'll settle in at the right corner opposite the steady Mike Williams. Jerome Dove and Hal Stringer, who shared the right corner last year, become instant depth. Strong safety Mike Fuller led the Chargers with four thefts last year and has been a starter since 1975. Pete Shaw established himself at free safety last year, although ex-Steeler Glen Edwards is sure to challenge there if he isn't tried at cornerback.

### SPECIAL TEAMS

Rolf Benirschke has been successful on an amazing 35 of 45 field goal tries in his two years with the Chargers. He had a string of



No. 14—Dan Fouts



No. 74—Louie Kelcher



13 successful three-pointers last year and carries a run of nine straight into 1979. Jeff West, the punter, averaged just 37.3 per kick but had only 43 of 73 punts returned. Fuller averaged 11.2 on his punt runbacks while Owens was scooting along at a 26.2 norm on kickoff returns before he was injured. Rodgers remains a double-duty return possibility, if he recovers from knee surgery.

#### THE DRAFT


The Chargers were thinking tight end going into the draft, but never thought they'd get a chance at Missouri's Winslow, tabbed by some as the best player of the entire crop. But when the first dozen picks went by and Winslow remained, San Diego traded with Cleveland to get the 13th choice and the 6-5, 250-pound Winslow.

"Tight ends like Winslow come along

once in a decade," claimed Charger owner Eugene Klein. Winslow has been clocked in 4.8 for the 40 and has great hands. He's a fine blocker, too. His addition will bolster one of the already strongest attacks in the league.

After Winslow, who is good enough to make any draft a success, the Chargers threw away the Who's Who of College Football and went for unknowns. Clifford Thrift of East Central Oklahoma, a linebacker picked on the third round, would have been the first

player from his school ever selected by an NFL team if the Jets hadn't chosen his teammate, lineman Mark Gastineau, in the second round.

Wide receiver John Floyd of Northeast Louisiana (fourth round) broke his leg in the eighth game of last season, but has the sixth best all-time career average per catch (21.3). Wilbert Haslip of Hawaii (eighth) is a running back prospect, while Alvin Garrett of Angelo State (ninth) has the unenviable position of trying to break into the receiving corps. 



No. 83—John Jefferson



No. 22—Mike Thomas

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#### 1978 Season Results

##### SAN DIEGO (8-8)

24	Seattle	20
20	*Oakland	21
14	Denver	27
3	*Green Bay	24
23	New England	28
23	*Denver	0
21	*Miami	28
14	Detroit	31
27	Oakland	23
22	*Cincinnati	13
29	*Kansas City**	23
13	Minnesota	7
0	Kansas City	23
40	*Chicago	7
37	*Seattle	10
45	Houston	24
355		309

\*Home game \*\*Overtime

## 1979 ROSTER

### VETERANS

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	NFL Exp.	Birth-date	College
43	Anderson, Rickey	RB	6-1	211	2	5/21/53	South Carolina State
60	Audick, Dan	G	6-3	255	2	11/15/54	Hawaii
28	Buchanan, Willie	CB	6-0	190	8	11/4/50	San Diego State
37	Bauer, Hank	RB	5-11	204	3	7/15/54	Cal Lutheran
6	Benirschke, Rolf	K	6-1	170	3	2/7/55	Cal-Davis
87	Burton, Larry	WR	6-1	193	4	12/15/51	Purdue
59	Carr, Fred	LB	6-5	235	11	8/19/46	Texas-El Paso
82	Curran, Pat	TE	6-3	235	11	9/21/45	Lakeland, Wisconsin
71	Dean, Fred	DE	6-3	229	5	9/24/52	Louisiana Tech
73	DeJurnett, Charles	DT	6-4	261	4	6/17/52	San Jose State
48	Dove, Jerome	CB	6-2	187	3	10/3/53	Colorado State
27	Edwards, Glen	S	6-0	184	9	7/31/47	Florida A&M
14	Fouts, Dan	QB	6-3	210	7	6/10/51	Oregon
42	Fuller, Mike	S	5-9	179	5	4/7/53	Auburn
50	Goode, Don	LB	6-2	235	6	6/21/51	Kansas
77	Hardaway, Milton	T	6-9	309	2	12/12/54	Oklahoma State
12	Harris, James	QB	6-3	220	10	7/20/47	Grambling
55	Horn, Bob	LB	6-4	235	4	2/6/54	Oregon State
83	Jefferson, John	WR	6-1	190	2	2/3/56	Arizona State
79	Johnson, Gary	DT	6-2	247	5	8/31/53	Grambling
18	Joiner, Charlie	WR	5-11	188	11	10/14/47	Grambling
68	Jones, Leroy	DE	6-8	256	4	9/29/50	Norfolk State
74	Kelcher, Louie	DT	6-5	282	5	8/23/53	Southern Methodist
31	King, Keith	TE	6-4	226	2	6/28/55	Colorado State
84	Klein, Bob	TE	6-5	245	11	7/27/47	Southern California
54	Klasiavich, Jim	LB	6-2	232	7	10/24/51	Penn State
69	Lee, John	DE	6-2	253	4	2/17/53	Nebraska
51	Lowe, Woodrow	LB	6-0	220	4	6/9/54	Alabama
62	Macek, Don	G-C	6-3	253	4	7/21/54	Boston College
41	Matthews, Bo	FB	6-4	220	6	11/15/51	Colorado
88	McCrary, Greg	TE	6-2	230	4	3/24/52	Clark, Georgia
89	McDonald, Dwight	WR	6-3	191	5	5/24/51	San Diego State
57	Middleton, Rick	LB	6-3	230	6	11/28/51	Ohio State
26	Mitchell, Lydell	RB	5-11	200	8	5/30/49	Penn State
10	Olander, Cliff	QB	6-5	200	3	4/22/55	New Mexico State
85	Owens, Artie	WR	5-10	174	4	1/14/53	West Virginia
53	Perretta, Ralph	C	6-2	250	5	1/30/53	Purdue
52	Preston, Ray	LB	6-0	220	4	1/25/54	Syracuse
20	Rodgers, Johnny	RB-WR	5-10	180	3	7/5/51	Nebraska

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45	Stringert, Hal	CB	5-11	182	5	1/25/52	Hawaii
56	Rush, Bob	C	6-5	258	3	2/27/55	Memphis State
44	Shaw, Pete	S	5-10	180	3	8/25/54	Northwestern
66	Shields, Billy	T	6-7	261	5	8/23/53	Georgia Tech
58	Slater, Mark	C	6-1	252	2	2/1/55	Minnesota
22	Thomas, Mike	RB	5-11	190	5	7/17/53	Nevada-Las Vegas
28	White, Charlie	FB-RB	6-0	215	3	8/31/53	Bethune-Cookman
70	Washington, Russ	T	6-7	285	12	12/17/46	Missouri
8	West, Jeff	P-TE	6-2	212	5	4/6/53	Cincinnati
67	White, Ed	G	6-2	274	11	4/4/47	California
63	Wilkerson, Doug	G	6-3	257	10	3/27/47	North Carolina Central
40	Williams, Clarence	RB	5-10	198	3	1/25/55	South Carolina
29	Williams, Mike	CB	5-10	179	5	11/22/53	Louisiana State
33	Woods, Don	RB	6-2	204	6	2/17/51	New Mexico
99	Young, Wilbur	DE	6-7	276	9	4/20/49	William Penn

### DRAFT CHOICES

Choice	Name	No. Selected	Pos.	College
1.	WINSLOW, Kellen from Cleveland Choice to Cleveland	13	TE	Missouri
2.	Choice to Cleveland			
3.	THRIFT, Clifford	73	LB	East Central Oklahoma
4.	Choice to Los Angeles FLOYD, John from Houston Choice to Detroit	104	WR	N.E. Louisiana
5.	Choice to Pittsburgh			
6.	Choice to Green Bay			
7.	Choice to Green Bay			
8.	HASLIP, Wilbert	210	RB	Hawaii
9.	GARRETT, Alvin	237	WR	Angelo State
10.	PETRUCCIO, Tony from Philadelphia	265	DT	Penn State
	GREEN, Al	269	DB	Louisiana State
11.	RADER, Dave	295	QB	Tulsa
12.	DUNCAN, Frank	321	DB	San Francisco State

COACHES: DON CORYELL, Jim Hanifan, Earnel Durden, Joe Gibbs, Wayne Sevier, Jackie Simpson, Jerry Smith, Larry Weaver, Ernie Zampese.



# KANSAS CITY CHIEFS

## AMERICAN FOOTBALL CONFERENCE WESTERN DIVISION

**T**here are two theories of defense in the National Football League. One is to build a unit so strong other teams will be unable to move on it. The other is to keep the ball on offense as long as you can, because the other guy can't score without the ball.

Marv Levy would like to employ the first method with his Kansas City Chiefs. But the former Canadian Football League coach found that impossible last year, his first as head man in K.C. So he prescribed to the second method, developing a Wing-T attack to help with the ball control.

As a result, the Chiefs ranked second to New England in NFL rushing stats, and set a record with five separate backs rushing for 100 yards or more in a single game. Levy's young offensive line often blew the opposition off the line, and the backs did some excellent blocking in what Levy refers to as his "unselfish-T."

It sounds like Levy's idea worked, but actually it did only to a certain extent. When you borrow from somewhere, you usually have to make up for it somewhere else. The extra time put into the running game was subtracted from the passing, which finished next to last in the league. And the defense, despite long respites, was 20th in the NFL.

The Chiefs won just four times, although starting out 2-0 before other clubs could adjust to the Wing-T. Levy knows he must build the defense in the near future if Kansas City is to challenge in what is becoming a very competitive AFC West.

"We want to build a sound, aggressive, punishing defense because that is the way to build a consistent winner in the NFL," he admits. Mike Bell, the defensive tackle chosen in the first round of the draft, will help in that regard. But it will take some time.

### OFFENSE

Quarterbacks—Mike Livingston ran the unselfish-T most of last season, but he'll find an instant threat to his job this time in rookie Steve Fuller of Clemson. The Chiefs traded up in the draft to land Fuller, an option-type quarterback who could add his legs to the already trampling herd of the Wing-T. Livingston, journeyman Dennis Shaw, and Pete Woods, a fourth-round choice in the '78 draft who missed all of last season after knee surgery, will battle Fuller and Bill Kenney for the job. Kenney, a free-agent signee from Northern Colorado, was very impressive in an early Chiefs' camp.

Running backs—Tony Reed rushed for 1053 yards and led the team with 48 pass receptions, but he has to share the spotlight with several other backs. Ted McKnight, for instance, gained 627 from the wingback post. Arnold Morgado moved in at fullback later in the season and wound up with 593. Mark Bailey and MacArthur Lane also had their moments, although Lane, 36, is considering retirement. All five, plus sixth-back Horace Belton, were extremely effective with

their blocking, an essential ingredient in the Levy plan of attack.

Receivers—Levy would like to throw the ball more in '79, which must come as good news to Henry Marshall. Considered a fine prospect, Marshall caught just 26 passes in the alignment which most times found him the only wide man. Tight end Walter White was second on the club with 42 catches, and he, like Marshall, is a fine target. When Levy regressed to the regular pro set last year, Larry Dorsey (nine catches, two TDs) became the other wide receiver. But draftee Spider Gaines may move in this time. White is backed inside by Tony Samuels and Ed Beckman, both of whom were used frequently in short-yardage situations.

Offensive line—Levy never would have been able to use the Wing-T were it not for his fine young offensive line. Only veteran center Jack Rudnay is in double figures service-wise, and he continues to be a strong performer. The guards, Dave Simmons and Tom Condon, are in their third and sixth seasons, respectively. Tackle Matt Herkenhoff is in his fourth, and running mate Jim Nicholson in his sixth. There is good young reserve strength, too, in one-time starter Charlie Getty, who filled in for Nicholson when the latter was injured last year; tackle Rod Walters, a '76 first-round pick; guard

Darius Helton, injured last year; and center Charlie Ane, the long-snapper on kicks.

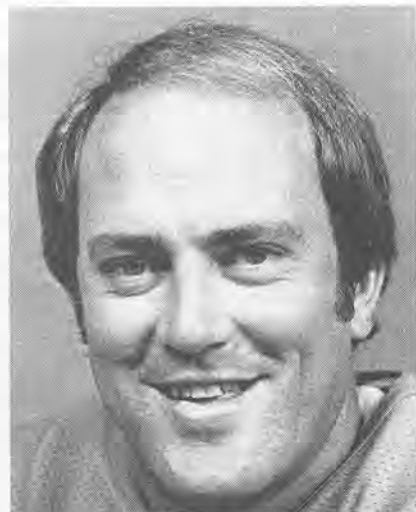
### DEFENSE

Front three—Bell will join Art Still, last year's No. 1 choice, in the rebuilt front three. Levy plans first to try the 6-5, 260-pounder at noseguard between Still, who improved as the season went along, and Sylvester Hicks, a No. 2 pick last year who tailed off after a good start. If Bell can't make it there, he'll shift to Hicks's end spot with Don Parrish, a free agent who received the Chiefs' top rookie award, remaining on the nose. Vets Willie Lee, out all last year with knee problems, and Jeff Lloyd are other noseguard possibilities, with second-year men Dave Lindstrom and Stan Johnson available on the flanks.

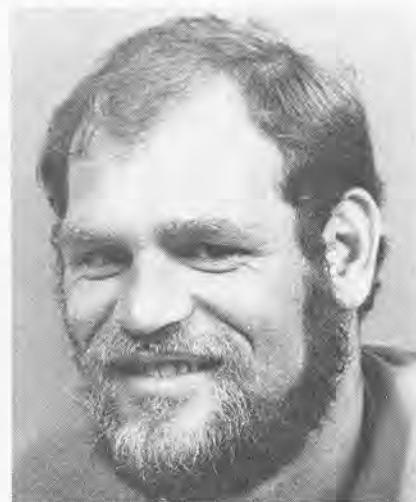
Linebackers—Again youth was served. Whitney Paul moved back from end to one



No. 58—Jack Rudnay



No. 10—Mike Livingston



No. 70—Jim Nicholson

outside spot and Thomas Howard held the other. Rookie Gary Spani and Dave Rozumek played the inside posts. Levy is certain the experience gained by this unit last year will help it improve in '79. Charles Jackson, Clarence Sanders, CFL veteran Chuck Zapiec, and draftee Frank Manumaleuna, the "Mowin' Samoan" from San Jose State, will be the key challengers at the most important area of any 3-4 defense.

Secondary—Levy doesn't have as many problems back here as he does in the other two sections of his defense. Three positions are held down by rising young stars. Gary Barbaro hits like a 250-pounder from his free safety post (he's only 198). Both he and strong safety Tim Gray, who led the team with six interceptions a year ago, can pick off those passes. Gary Green appears headed for the Pro Bowl someday at his left corner spot. Veteran Emmitt Thomas, who'll be entering his 14th season, shared the right corner with Tim Collier a year ago. Collier should become more of a factor this time. Ricky Davis, injured all last year, plus ex-Giant Clyde Powers and ex-Dolphin Ted Burgmeier, provide the depth.

#### SPECIAL TEAMS

Levy, who used to call this his own specialty on several NFL staffs, including George Allen's in Washington, thought the Chiefs made a lot of progress in this area last season. He used the old, veteran Jan Stenerud (20 of 30 field goals); the new,

CFL repatriot Zenon Andrusyshyn (41.1 punting average); and the borrowed, former Brown and Lion return man Eddie Payton (25.8 on kickoffs, 11.4 on punts) to make the other clubs blue. These three again will supply the nucleus in '79. The coverage teams ranked second against kickoffs and seventh against punts, which pleased Levy immensely.

#### THE DRAFT

Bell comes from an exceptional family. His twin brother Mark was picked by Seattle as a tight end prospect in the fourth round and his sister, Diddy, was Miss Kansas of 1978. He was the second player picked despite late-season knee surgery and a somewhat disappointing senior year. The Chiefs, however, consider him the most outstanding defensive prospect in recent years, and hope he'll build a fire under their unit like Joe Greene did in Pittsburgh.

Fuller, at 6-4, 200, has the bulk to run the ball out of a Wing-T setup, and the Chiefs feel his passing will improve in time. That's why they traded Houston a pair of No. 2 selections to get the former Clemson quarterback on the first round, since they were certain San Francisco would tap him with the first pick of the second round.

Manumaleuna, a 245-pounder, had his career at UCLA cut short by a neck injury, but played well at San Jose after transferring. He was a fourth-round pick. Gaines, a trackman at Washington, was selected on the sixth with Missouri runner Earl Gant chosen in

between to add more depth to that running back area. Mike Williams, the 13th-leading career rusher in NCAA history, is another runner who could contribute. He was picked on the eighth round out of New Mexico.

Other selections include Mississippi State safety Gerald Jackson (10th round), Ball State defensive end Kent Kramer (seventh), and a pair of wide receivers, Larry Willis of Alcorn State (10th) and Stan Rome of Clemson (11th). The sleeper could be tight end James Folston of Cameron, a ninth-round choice. In all, KC had 15 selections.

#### 1978 Season Results KANSAS CITY (4-12)

24	Cincinnati	23
17	*Houston	20
10	N.Y. Giants	26
17	*Denver**	23
13	Buffalo	28
13	*Tampa Bay	30
6	Oakland	28
17	*Cleveland	3
24	Pittsburgh	27
10	*Oakland	20
23	San Diego**	29
10	*Seattle	13
23	*San Diego	0
14	*Buffalo	10
3	Denver	24
19	Seattle	23
243		327

\*Home game \*\*Overtime

## 1979 ROSTER

### VETERANS

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	NFL Exp.	Birth-date	College
7	Andrusyshyn, Z.	P	6-2	210	2	2/25/48	UCLA
56	Ane, Charlie	C	6-1	233	5	2/12/52	Michigan State
39	Bailey, Mark	RB	6-3	237	3	12/13/54	Cal State-Long Beach
26	Barbaro, Gary	S	6-3	198	4	2/11/54	Nicholls State
85	Beckman, Ed	TE	6-4	223	3	1/2/55	Florida State
35	Belton, Horace	RB	5-9	200	2	7/16/55	Southeastern Louisiana
79	Brown, Larry	T	6-5	260	2	6/4/55	Miami
48	Burgmeier, Ted	S	5-10	185	2	11/8/55	Notre Dame
44	Collier, Tim	CB	5-11	166	4	5/31/54	East Texas State
65	Condon, Tom	G	6-3	240	6	10/26/52	Boston College
40	Davis, Ricky	S	6-0	180	4	5/18/53	Alabama
80	Dorsey, Larry	WR	6-1	190	4	8/15/53	Tennessee State
77	Getty, Charlie	G-T	6-4	260	6	7/24/52	Penn State
46	Gray, Tim	S	6-1	200	5	11/11/52	Texas A&M
24	Green, Gary	CB	5-11	184	3	10/22/55	Baylor
62	Helton, Darius	G	6-2	260	2	10/2/54	North Carolina Central
60	Herkenhoff, Malt	T	6-4	255	4	4/21/51	Minnesota
75	Hicks, Sylvester	DE	6-4	248	2	4/2/55	Tennessee State
52	Howard, Thomas	LB	6-2	208	3	8/18/54	Texas Tech
51	Jackson Charles	LB	6-3	236	2	3/22/55	Washington
72	Johnson, Stan	NT	6-4	275	2	6/18/55	Tennessee State
82	Kellar, Bill	WR	5-11	187	2	2/8/56	Stanford
57	LaCrosse, Dave	LB	6-3	215	2	12/22/55	Wake Forrest
78	Lee, Willie	DE-NT	6-4	250	4	7/13/50	Bethune-Cookman
71	Lindstrom, Dave	DE	6-6	249	2	11/16/54	Boston University
10	Livingston, Mike	QB	6-4	210	12	11/14/45	Southern Methodist
74	Lloyd, Jeff	NT	6-6	255	3	3/14/54	West Texas State
89	Marshall, Henry	WR	6-2	205	4	8/9/54	Missouri
22	McKnight, Ted	RB	6-1	205	3	2/26/54	Minnesota-Duluth
21	Morgado, Arnold	RB	6-0	210	3	3/27/52	Hawaii
70	Nicholson, Jim	T	6-6	275	6	2/28/50	Michigan State
61	Parrish, Don	NT-DE	6-2	255	2	4/6/55	Pittsburgh
53	Paul, Whitney	LB	6-3	220	4	10/8/53	Colorado
34	Payton, Eddie	RB	5-8	175	3	8/3/51	Jackson State
91	Peterson, Cal	LB	6-4	220	4	10/6/52	UCLA
29	Powers, Clyde	S	6-1	195	5	8/19/51	Oklahoma
32	Reed, Tony	RB	5-11	197	3	3/30/55	Colorado
55	Rozumek, Dave	LB	6-1	212	4	4/25/54	New Hampshire

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	NFL Exp.	Birth-date	College
58	Rudnay, Jack	C	6-3	240	10	11/20/47	Northwestern
81	Samuels, Tony	TE	6-4	229	3	12/30/54	Bethune-Cookman
50	Sanders, Clarence	LB	6-4	228	2	12/28/52	Cincinnati
73	Simmons, Bob	G	6-4	260	3	7/7/54	Texas
86	Smith, J.T.	WR	6-2	185	2	10/29/55	North Texas State
59	Spani, Gary	LB	6-2	230	2	1/9/56	Kansas State
3	Stenerud, Jan	K	6-2	187	13	11/26/43	Montana State
67	Still, Art	DE	6-7	252	2	12/5/55	Kentucky
18	Thomas, Emmitt	CB	6-2	192	14	6/4/43	Bishop
76	Walters, Rod	G-T	6-3	258	3	2/27/54	Iowa
88	White, Walter	TE	6-3	218	5	7/19/51	Maryland
5	Woods, Pete	QB	6-3	214	1	11/29/55	Missouri
66	Zapiec, Chuck	LB	6-2	222	1	7/2/49	Penn State

### DRAFT CHOICES

Choice	Name	No. Selected	Pos.	College
1.	BELL, Mike	2	DE	Colorado State
	FULLER, Steve	23	QB	Clemson
	from Houston			
2.	Choice to Houston			
3.	Choice to Los Angeles			
4.	MANUMALEUNA, Frank	85	LB	San Jose State
5.	GANT, Earl	112	RB	Missouri
6.	GAINES, Robert	140	WR	Washington
7.	KREMER, Ken	167	DE	Ball State
8.	WILLIAMS, Mike	195	RB	New Mexico
	BREWER, Robert	218	G	Temple
	from Los Angeles through St. Louis			
9.	FOLSTON, James	222	TE	Cameron
	ROBINSON, Joe	229	T	Ohio State
	from New Orleans			
10.	DU PREE, Mike	251	LB	Florida
	JACKSON, Gerald	260	DB	Mississippi State
	from Washington			
11.	ROME, Stan	277	WR	Clemson
12.	FORREST, Michael	305	RB	Arkansas

COACHES: MARV LEVY, Rick Abernethy, Walt Corey, Kay Dalton, Tom Pagna, Dick Roach, Bobby Ross, Rod Rust, Joe Spencer.





# OAKLAND RAIDERS

## AMERICAN FOOTBALL CONFERENCE WESTERN DIVISION

He'll be missed. The sight of the rotund John Madden, gesturing and cheerleading on the sidelines, had enlivened Oakland Raider games for the past decade. But now Madden has given it up, a victim of the internal rumblings which accompany the stress and pressure of NFL coaching.

Madden's departure came after one of the very few seasons the Pride and Poise certainly weren't proud of, nor poised throughout. A dropoff to 9-7 and a three-way tie for second place in the AFC West meant for the first time since 1972, and only the second time since 1967, Oakland was left out of the playoffs.

Now Tom Flores assumes field control of a team which many think may be in for further declines the next few years. Indeed, resident genius Al Davis has more or less abandoned the method he used to build the Raiders. He's been trading more and more draft choices the past few years, hoping instead to plug a hole here and fill a gap there with a veteran or two from another squad.

And Davis uncharacteristically got into an in-house squabble of sorts with his quarterback, Ken Stabler, more or less blaming The Snake for the bulk of Raider misfortunes in '78. Stabler now is sulking, and looking to be traded. It's not the best of situations for Flores to make his debut.

But the 42-year-old former quarterback experienced some trying times in his playing days with Oakland, the days before the Raiders were considered the upper echelon of football society. He was Davis' personal favorite to replace Madden, and has had seven seasons of assistant's experience on the Oakland staff.

He'll have to go some, however, to make them forget John Madden.

### OFFENSE

Quarterbacks—Stabler still had one of the better pass completion percentages in the NFL, 58.4. But that mark would have been

well over 60% if completions to the other team were included. Stabler was intercepted 30 times, second highest to the retired Fran Tarkenton's 32 in the league. He threw five turnovers against Miami, and four apiece in two other games. The picture isn't too bright behind the 33-year-old Stabler, either. It shows lefty David Humm, who has yet to prove himself; Jim Plunkett, who never got a chance to reestablish himself last year; and former Tampa Bay Randy Hedberg.

Running backs—Mark van Eeghen plowed for another 1000-yard season out of the full-back slot, but rookie Arthur Whittington, drafted mainly for kick-return purposes, had to come through at halfback after injuries leveled Clarence Davis and Terry Robiskie. Veterans Pete Banaszak, Harold Hart and Sam Scarber will be around for backup purposes, although a youngster like Booker Russell, a rookie last year; Derrick Jensen, injured all of his first season; and draftee Robert Hawkins of Kentucky could find work.

Receivers—One player not affected by the Oakland off season was tight end Dave Casper, who grabbed 62 passes, second in the AFC, and scored nine TDs on pass receptions, plus one on a deft dribbling job in that

infamous fumble ending in San Diego. Split end Cliff Branch caught 49, but the speedster had only one TD. And Morris Bradshaw began seeing more and more flanker action at the expense of Fred Biletnikoff. Bradshaw caught 40, twice more than the fabled Biletnikoff. Newcomers Kenny Payne (from Philadelphia), Larry Brunson (hurt most of last season), and John Kimbrough (free agent) might help outside, while Raymond Chester and Derrick Ramsey supply ample support for Casper.

Offensive line—The once iron-clad duo of Art Shell and Gene Upshaw began springing a few leaks last year, causing some concern in the Raider camp. Mickey Marvin moved in at right guard and did okay, while Henry Lawrence filled in for the injured John Vella at right tackle in fine fashion. Dave Dalby is developing into one of the better centers around. Lindsey Mason and Steve Sylvester provide veteran depth, but three drafted rookies—Drake's Jack Matia, Boston College's Jim Rourke and UCLAs Bruce Davis—will get trials.

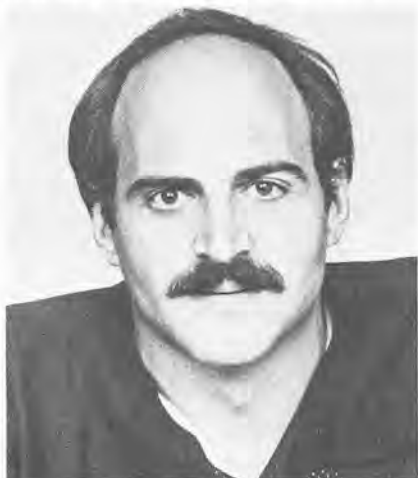
### DEFENSE

Front three—The Raiders gave up two draft picks to Tampa Bay for noseguard Dave Pear. This deal was a steal for Oakland, which gets a Pro Bowl caliber player without giving up a No. 1 draft pick. Pear is an extremely active middleguard, who doesn't mind showing his enthusiasm when he sacks a quarterback. He'll fit in well between Dave Browning, a 2-year man and big John Matuszak. Mike McCoy and Otis Sistrunk can play the nose, while veteran Pat Toomay and huge Charles Philyaw are reserve ends. Oklahoma's Reggie Kinlaw could win a spot as a spare noseguard.

Linebackers—Ted Hendricks and Phil Villapiano, who played every game after suffer-



HC—Tom Flores



No. 58—Monte Johnson



No. 42—Monte Jackson



No. 12—Ken Stabler

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ing a knee injury in '77, are solid outside men. But Monte Johnson has fallen into disfavor as one of the inside backers, and nearly was traded to the Colts around draft time. Willie Hall, ex-Bill Bob Nelson, Rod Martin and John Huddleston are other inside possibilities, while top draft choice Willie Jones of Florida State joins Jeff Barnes and Greg Westbrook on the outside. Jones was a defensive end in college.

Secondary—Oakland sent its 1979 No. 1 draft choice plus a future second and third to Los Angeles for cornerback Monte Jackson. The former Ram all-pro now teams with Lester Hayes on the corners, with Willie Brown, at age 38, and Skip Thomas, injured all last season, in reserve. With the questions of Brown's age and Thomas's health, Oakland used a sixth-round draft pick to secure San Diego State's Henry Williams as insurance. Charles Phillips finally got his shot at strong safety and came through with six interceptions. He teams with the hard-hitting Jack Tatum on the last line of defense, with Mike Davis in reserve.

#### SPECIAL TEAMS

Al Davis went through an intricate set of maneuvers to skirt the NFL roster cutdown rules and eventually restore placekicker Errol Mann to his roster just before the start of the regular season. But Mann, a hero in the Super Bowl season, was just 2 of 5 from 40

yards and beyond, and probably will be replaced this season. Ray Guy continues as a class punter. Ira Matthews of Wisconsin was drafted on the sixth round strictly as a return man. He can play halfback, but will allow Whittington, drafted on the same basis last year, to devote his full time to offense.

#### THE DRAFT

Jones earned Most Valuable Player honors on defense in the Senior Bowl, winning a car along with the trophy. He spent the entire game in the North backfield, sacking quarterbacks and tackling runners.

The 6-5, 240-pounder spent the early part of the game running around Matia, the 280-pounder from Drake who now will be his teammate in Oakland. After Matia went down with an ankle injury, Jones continued his assault against Rourke, who also will be his teammate in Oakland.

In defense of the offensive linemen, the ankle problem cut down Matia's agility. He's supposed to have good quickness for a giant man, and was selected on the seventh round. Rourke was playing out of position at tackle, and was picked in the ninth round as a guard by the Raiders.

Matthews, the kick-return specialist, led the nation in punt returns as a sophomore, and in kickoff returns as a senior. Williams comes from a school which constantly produces both quarterbacks and cornerbacks—

San Diego State. Monte Jackson is another product of that school.

Other selections include running back Hawkins from Kentucky on the eighth round, defensive back Ricky Smith from Tulane on the 10th, tackle Davis from UCLA on the 11th, and both defensive back Dirk Abernathy of Bowling Green and middleguard Kinlaw from Oklahoma on the 12th.

In all, the Raiders had 10 picks.

#### 1978 Season Results

##### OAKLAND (9-7)

6	Denver	14
21	San Diego	20
28	Green Bay	3
14	*New England	21
25	Chicago**	19
21	*Houston	17
28	*Kansas City	6
7	Seattle	27
23	*San Diego	27
20	Kansas City	10
34	Cincinnati	21
29	*Detroit	17
16	*Seattle	17
6	*Denver	21
6	Miami	23
27	*Minnesota	20
311		283

\*Home game \*\*Overtime

## 1979 ROSTER

### VETERANS

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	NFL Exp.	Birth-date	College
6	Breach, Jim	K	5-6	155	1	4/11/56	California
46	Bankston, Warren	TE	6-4	235	11	7/22/47	Tulane
56	Barnes, Jeff	LB	6-2	215	3	3/1/55	California
81	Bradshaw, Morris	WR	6-1	195	6	10/19/52	Ohio State
21	Branch, Cliff	WR	5-11	170	8	8/1/48	Colorado
24	Brown, Willie	CB	6-1	210	17	12/2/40	Grambling
73	Browning, Dave	DE	6-5	245	2	8/18/56	Washington
82	Brunson, Larry	WR	5-11	180	5	8/11/49	Colorado
87	Casper, Dave	TE	6-4	230	6	2/2/52	Notre Dame
88	Chester, Raymond	TE	6-4	235	10	6/28/48	Morgan State
50	Dalby, Dave	C	6-3	250	8	10/19/50	UCLA
28	Davis, Clarence	RB	5-10	195	8	6/28/49	Southern California
36	Davis, Mike	S	6-2	200	2	4/15/56	Colorado
8	Guy, Ray	K	6-3	190	7	12/22/49	Southern Mississippi
39	Hall, Willie	LB	6-2	225	7	9/29/49	Southern California
23	Hart, Harold	RB	6-0	205	5	7/13/53	Texas Southern
37	Hayes, Lester	CB	6-0	195	3	12/22/55	Texas A&M
10	Hedberg, Randy	QB	6-3	200	2	12/27/54	Minot State
83	Hendricks, Ted	LB	6-7	220	11	11/1/47	Miami
57	Huddleston, John	LB	6-3	230	2	4/10/54	Utah
11	Humm, David	QB	6-2	190	5	4/2/52	Nebraska
42	Jackson, Monte	CB	5-11	185	5	7/14/53	San Diego State
58	Johnson, Monte	LB	6-5	240	7	10/26/51	Nebraska
31	Jensen, Derrick	RB	6-1	230	1	4/27/56	Texas-Arlington
70	Lawrence, Henry	T	6-4	270	6	9/26/51	Florida A&M
89	Martini, Rich	WR	6-2	185	1	11/19/55	Cal-Davis
14	Mann, Errol	K	6-0	205	12	6/27/41	North Dakota
53	Martin, Rod	LB	6-2	210	3	4/7/54	Southern California
65	Marvin, Mickey	G	6-4	270	3	10/5/55	Tennessee
71	Mason, Lindsey	T	6-5	260	2	8/1/55	Kansas
72	Maluszak, John	DE	6-8	275	7	10/25/50	Tampa
76	McCoy, Mike	DT	6-5	275	10	9/6/48	Notre Dame
55	Nelson, Bob	LB	6-4	230	5	6/30/53	Nebraska
76	Pear, Dave	DT	6-2	245	5	6/1/63	Washington
	Payne, Ken	WR	6-2	185	6	10/6/50	Langston
47	Phillips, Charles	S	6-2	215	5	12/22/52	Southern California
77	Philyaw, Charles	DE	6-9	280	4	2/25/54	Texas Southern
16	Plunkett, Jim	QB	6-2	205	9	12/15/47	Stanford
84	Ramsey, Derrick	TE	6-4	220	2	12/23/56	Kentucky
35	Robiskie, Terry	RB	6-1	205	3	11/12/54	Louisiana State
34	Russell, Booker	RB	6-2	230	2	2/28/56	Southwest Texas

COACHES: TOM FLORES, Sam Boghosian, Lew Erber, Myrel Moore, Steve Ortmyer, Oliver Spencer, Charlie Sumner, Ray Willsey.

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	NFL Exp.	Birth-date	College
78	Shell, Art	T	6-5	275	12	11/26/46	Maryland-Eastern Shore
60	Sistrunk, Otis	DT	6-4	270	8	9/18/47	No College
12	Stabler, Ken	QB	6-3	210	10	12/25/45	Alabama
80	Stewart, Joe	WR	5-11	180	2	11/18/55	Missouri
66	Sylvester, Steve	C-G	6-4	260	5	3/4/53	Notre Dame
32	Tatum, Jack	S	5-11	205	8	11/18/48	Ohio State
26	Thomas, Skip	CB	6-1	205	7	2/7/50	Southern California
67	Toomay, Pat	DE	6-6	245	10	5/17/48	Vanderbilt
63	Upshaw, Gene	G	6-5	255	13	8/15/45	Texas A&I
30	van Eeghen, Mark	RB	6-2	255	6	4/19/52	Colgate
75	Vella, John	T	6-4	260	8	4/21/50	Southern California
41	Villapiano, Phil	LB	6-2	225	9	2/26/49	Bowling Green
54	Watts, Bob	LB	6-3	225	2	7/16/54	Boston College
52	Westbrooks, Greg	LB	6-3	215	5	2/24/53	Colorado
22	Whittington, Arthur	RB	5-11	180	2	9/4/55	Southern Methodist

### DRAFT CHOICES

Choice	Name	No. Selected	Pos.	College
1.	Choice to Los Angeles			
2.	JONES, Willie	42	DE	Florida State
	from Washington through St. Louis			
	Choice to St. Louis			
3.	Choice to Houston through Baltimore			
4.	Choice to Washington			
5.	Choice to St. Louis			
6.	MATTHEWS, Ira	142	KR	Wisconsin
	from Tampa Bay			
	WILLIAMS, Henry	156	DB	San Diego State
7.	MATIA, Jack	175	T	Drake
	from Detroit through Cleveland			
	Choice to Cleveland			
8.	HAWKINS, Robert	209	RB	Kentucky
9.	Choice to Cleveland			
	ROURKE, Jim	238	T	Boston College
	from Philadelphia			
10.	Choice to Kansas City			
	SMITH, Ricky	259	DB	Tulane
	from New Orleans			
11.	DAVIS, Bruce	294	T	UCLA
12.	ABERNATHY, Dirk	316	DB	Bowling Green
	from Cleveland			
	KINLAW, Reggie	320	DT	Oklahoma



# MIAMI DOLPHINS

## AMERICAN FOOTBALL CONFERENCE EASTERN DIVISION

The Miami Dolphins virtually were injury-free when they went through their famed unbeaten season back in 1972. About the only major physical problem they encountered was to quarterback Bob Griese, and Earl Morrall was available to step in and fill the important position.

Since then, however, it seems like Dolphin coach Don Shula continually has been fighting the injury bug in his efforts to return his club to the title stature it gained in Super Bowls VII and VIII.

Last year, for instance, Griese missed the first five games with a knee injury. Defensive end A.J. Duhe missed three, also with knee problems. Linebacker Steve Towle was absent three times with shoulder and knee troubles. Linebacker Bob Matheson sat out four contests with a bad back. And running back Delvin Williams, although he appeared in every game, was slowed in the final few because of a leg injury.

Despite the major problems, and the usual number of weekly nicks, Shula got his club into the playoffs with an 11-5 record. And, if it weren't for some sore ribs suffered by Griese at year's end, and a couple of guys named Pastorini and Campbell, the Dolphins might have been on their way to becoming the first club to host a Super Bowl game.

Since the close of the '78 season, however, Shula has made a few moves which should bolster the depth of the Dolphins and therefore help weather any more plagues. He got safety Neal Colzie from Oakland, linebacker Ralph Ortega from Atlanta, and signed fullback Larry Csonka as a free agent. He also went out and had probably the best draft of any club.

Now if he can keep everyone healthy . . .

### OFFENSE

Quarterbacks—Griese, once he got back to work, was the same old magician. He completed 63% of his passes and again directed the Dolphin attack in an uncanny manner. Don Strock, the No. 1 sub, was 4-2 as a starter in Griese's absence (Griese made a token appearance in the sixth game of the year, which Strock started) and solidified his position as the No. 1 backup. He threw for 12 TDs in 135 attempts. The man Shula thinks eventually will replace Griese is Guy Benjamin, drafted out of Stanford last year. He has many of the same qualities possessed by the Miami master.

Running backs—The acquisition of Williams was one of Shula's all-time best moves. The former 49er provided that all-star running, missing since the Csonka-Mercury Morris days, and wound up second in the AFC with 1258 yards. His running mate this time will come from among Leroy Harris (512 yards), ex-Buffalo blockbuster Jim Braxton (121), and at times, Csonka, returning after three less-than-happy years with the Giants. Gary Davis, who chipped in with 313 yards, can spell Williams while two rookies

have chances to move in, Alabama halfback Tony Nathan and Baylor fullback Steve Howell.

Receivers—When Griese looks downfield, he has an almost perfectly balanced pair to locate coming off the flanks. Nate Moore led the club with 48 catches, 10 for touchdowns, while Duriel Harris had 45 receptions, three for scores. Tight end Andre Tillman continued to improve as a pass catcher (he always could block) and wound up with 31 receptions. Jimmy Cefalo, who scored three touchdowns on his six receptions as a rookie, and retread Bo Rather are the veteran reserves on the outside. Loaird McCreary and Bruce Hardy, who totaled four TDs among their seven catches, and massive rookie Ron Lee support Tillman.

Offensive line—Age reared its gray-haired head in this area, so Shula went out and drafted a pair of young studs, Michigan's Jon Giesler and Washington's Jeff Toews, with his first two picks. One of the rookies might even step in at a tackle spot opposite Mike Current (33), although vets Wally Pessit, Eric Laakso and Steve Young might have something to say about that. Most likely, Bob Kuechenberg (31) will move out from his guard spot, leaving Larry Little (33) and Ed Newman (28), another of last year's knee cases, at the guards. Jim Langer (31) remains a stalwart at center.

### DEFENSE

Front three—Miami ranked 23rd overall, and 26th against the pass, in the NFL defensive ratings. Shula appears confident his front three, however, will do the job if it stays healthy. He didn't draft a defensive lineman until the ninth round. Duhe, who injured his knee in the Hall of Fame exhibition, and Bob Baumhower, the precocious pair from the '77 draft, are the main reasons for the optimism. Veteran Vern Den Herder is steady on the other end, although youngsters Doug Betters and John Alexander will be looking to take his job. Carl Barisich and Bob Simpson back Baumhower, who led the linemen with 144 tackles. Den Herder was tops in sacks with nine.

Linebackers—The continued improvement from outside men Kim Bokamper and Larry Gordon, plus the surprise showing by retread Rusty Chambers, were pleasing to Shula in '78. Bokamper, who could be a dominating defensive player in the near future, had 124 tackles and Gordon had 102, while Chambers, rescued from the Saints' waiver list, actually led the club with 151 stops. Bob Matheson, ol' No. 53, and former Falcon regular Ortega are around in case Towle or Chambers encounters problems inside. Earnest Rhone and Sean Clancy are the reserve outside men, although draftee Mel Land also will get a shot at linebacker.

Secondary—Shula completed his youth movement at the corners last year when rookie Gerald Small displaced Curtis Johnson, since released, on the right side. He wound up with four interceptions and both he and his running mate, third-year man Norris Thomas, scored a TD with an interception return. Colzie could be the backup corner, but more likely he'll challenge veter-



No. 82—Duriel Harris



No. 12—Bob Griese



HC—Don Shula

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ans Tim Foley (six interceptions) and Charley Babb (three) in the safety department. That would leave Charles Cornelius as the backup cornerback. Shula was a little disappointed he didn't get to draft a defensive back in the early rounds, but may have gotten a plum in the fifth in safety Don Bessillieu from Georgia Tech.

#### SPECIAL TEAMS

Garo Yepremian finished atop the AFC placekickers with his .826 percentage, missing only four of 23 field goal tries. The Little Ol' Tiemaker averaged nearly 36 yards on his 19 successes. Punter George Roberts, picked up from Washington just before the start of the regular season, finished fourth in the AFC with a 40.3 norm. Duriel Harris and Davis handled the kickoff returns in a fair-to-middling manner while Cefalo averaged 8.3 per try on punt returns. But draftees Nathan and Bessillieu, plus ex-Raider Colzie, should bolster this department in '79.

#### THE DRAFT

Giesler, a 6-4, 250-pounder, has the speed and agility to play either tackle or guard. Toews, at 6-3, 263, has the same flexibility, allowing Shula many options along the offensive front. Toews is the younger brother of Steeler linebacker Loren Toews.

Nathan, Land and Lee all were landed on the third round. Nathan was one of the Crimson Tide Sugar Bowl stars, gaining 127 yards against a rugged Penn State defense. He averaged 6.4 per carry for his career, 6.9 per attempt as a senior. Land, at 6-3, 236, was a down lineman at Michigan State, but is projected as an outside linebacker by the Dolphins because of his speed.

Lee is an intriguing case. He carries 250 pounds on his 6-3 frame, and while he never had an opportunity to display many receiving skills at Baylor, he did blow out opposing defenders—when he felt like it. The Dolphins admit there may be a "motivational type of thing" with their new tight end.

Howell, a college teammate of Lee, had a good rushing average in college. Bessillieu, rated by many as the best of the weak college crop of safeties, blossomed in the post-season all-star games and figured to go much higher than the fifth round.

Shula got some good athletes the rest of the way, too. Nebraska guard Steve Lindquist (sixth round) was a top collegiate player despite a withered arm. Although Yepremian showed few signs of wear last year, Uwe von Schamman (seventh) could give him a run for his job. The former Oklahoma star also can punt.

Other draftees of note include wide receiv-

er Jeff Groth of Bowling Green, son of former major leaguer Johnny Groth (eighth round); defensive back Glenn Blackwood of Texas, brother of Baltimore safety Glenn Blackwood (eighth); and Notre Dame tackle Jeff Weston and Georgia Tech end Mike Blanton, defensive line hopefuls.

In all, Miami had 16 picks.

#### 1978 Season Results

##### MIAMI (11-5)

20	N.Y. Jets	33
42	Baltimore	0
31	*Buffalo	24
3	Philadelphia	17
24	*St. Louis	10
21	*Cincinnati	0
28	San Diego	21
24	New England	33
26	*Baltimore	8
23	*Dallas	16
25	Buffalo	24
30	Houston	35
13	*N.Y. Jets	24
16	Washington	0
23	*Oakland	6
23	*New England	3

372 254

\*Home game

## 1979 ROSTER

### VETERANS

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	NFL Exp.	Birth-date	College
76	Alexander, John	DE	6-3	250	3	11/12/55	Rutgers
49	Babb, Charlie	S	6-0	190	8	2/4/50	Memphis State
78	Barisich, Carl	DT	6-4	255	7	7/12/51	Princeton
73	Baumhower, Bob	DT	6-5	258	3	8/4/55	Alabama
7	Benjamin, Guy	QB	6-4	210	2	6/27/55	Stanford
75	Bettlers, Doug	DE	6-7	250	2	6/11/56	Nevada-Reno
58	Bokamper, Kim	LB	6-6	245	3	9/25/54	San Jose State
34	Braxton, Jim	FB	6-1	240	9	5/23/49	West Virginia
31	Bulaich, Norm	FB	6-1	212	10	12/25/46	Texas Christian
81	Cefalo, Jimmy	WR-KR	5-11	190	2	10/6/56	Penn State
51	Chambers, Rusty	LB	6-1	220	5	11/10/53	Tulane
57	Clancy, Sean	LB	6-4	218	2	10/22/56	Amherst
43	Colzie, Neal	S-KR	6-2	205	5	2/28/53	Ohio State
44	Cornelius, Charles	CB	5-9	178	3	7/27/52	Bethune-Cookman
39	Csonka, Larry	FB	6-3	235	11	12/25/46	Syracuse
71	Current, Mike	T	6-4	270	13	9/17/45	Ohio State
27	Davis, Gary	RB	5-10	202	4	9/7/54	Cal Poly-SLO
83	Den Herder, Vern	DE	6-6	252	9	11/28/48	Central Iowa
77	Duhe, A.J.	DE	6-4	247	3	11/27/55	Louisiana State
25	Foley, Tim	S-CB	6-0	194	9	1/22/48	Purdue
50	Gordon, Larry	LB	6-4	230	4	7/7/53	Arizona State
12	Griese, Bob	QB	6-1	190	13	2/3/45	Purdue
84	Hardy, Bruce	TE	6-5	235	2	6/1/56	Arizona State
82	Harris, Duriel	WR	5-11	175	4	11/27/54	New Mexico State
38	Harris, Leroy	FB	5-10	220	3	7/3/54	Arkansas State
67	Kuechenberg, Bob	G-T	6-2	255	10	10/14/47	Notre Dame
68	Laakso, Eric	T-G	6-4	265	2	11/29/56	Tulane
62	Langer, Jim	C	6-2	253	10	5/16/48	South Dakota State
66	Little, Larry	G-T	6-1	265	13	11/2/45	Bethune-Cookman
53	Matheson, Bob	LB	6-4	235	13	11/25/44	Duke
80	McCreary, Loaird	TE	6-5	227	4	3/15/53	Tennessee State
60	Mitchell, Melvin	G	6-3	260	4	2/21/53	Tennessee State
89	Moore, Nat	WR	5-9	180	6	9/19/51	Florida
64	Newman, Ed	G-T	6-2	245	7	6/4/51	Duke
55	Ortega, Ralph	LB	6-2	220	5	7/6/53	Florida
65	Pesuit, Wally	G-C	6-5	250	3	3/4/54	Kentucky
85	Rather, Bo	WR	6-1	183	7	10/7/50	Michigan
55	Rhone, Earnest	LB	6-2	212	4	8/20/53	Henderson State

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	NFL Exp.	Birth-date	College
4	Roberts, George	P	6-0	172	2	6/10/55	Virginia Tech
70	Simpson, Bob	DT	6-5	235	2	3/29/54	Colorado
48	Small, Gerald	CB	5-11	187	2	8/10/56	San Jose State
10	Strock, Don	QB	6-5	220	6	11/27/50	Virginia Tech
41	Thomas, Norris	CB	5-11	175	3	5/3/54	Southern Mississippi
87	Tillman, Andre	TE	6-5	230	5	11/1/52	Texas Tech
56	Towle, Steve	LB	6-2	233	5	10/23/53	Kansas
24	Williams, Delvin	RB	6-0	197	6	4/17/51	Kansas
1	Yepremian, Garo	K	5-8	175	12	6/2/44	No College
74	Young, Steve	T	6-8	263	3	7/8/53	Colorado

### DRAFT CHOICES

Choice	Name	No. Selected	Pos.	College
1.	GIESLER, Jon	24	T	Michigan
2.	TOEWS, Jeff	53	T	Washington
3.	NATHAN, Tony	61	RB	Alabama
	from Tampa Bay			
	LAND, Mel	63	LB	Michigan State
	from New York Giants			
	LEE, Ron	65	TE	Baylor
	from New Orleans			
	Choice to Atlanta			
4.	HOWELL, Steve	107	RB	Baylor
5.	BESSILLIEU, Don	134	DB	Georgia Tech
6.	LINDQUIST, Steve	162	G	Nebraska
7.	von SCHAMANN, Uwe	189	K	Oklahoma
8.	GROTH, Jeff	206	WR	Bowling Green
	from Washington			
	Choice to Tampa Bay			
	BLACKWOOD, Glenn	215	DB	Texas
	from Denver			
9.	WESTON, Jeff	244	DT	Notre Dame
10.	STANTON, Jerome	258	DB	Michigan State
	from Detroit			
	KOZLOWSKI, Mike	272	RB	Colorado
11.	BLANTON, Mike	299	DE	Georgia Tech
12.	FORTNER, Larry	327	QB	Miami, O.

COACHES: DON SHULA, Bill Arnsparger, Chuck Connor, Bill Davis, Dan Henning, Tom Keane, Earl Morrall, John Sandusky, Mike Scarry, Carl Taseff.



# NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS

## AMERICAN FOOTBALL CONFERENCE EASTERN DIVISION

**T**iming is extremely critical in professional football. A quarterback must have it with his wide receivers; a running back must have it with his blockers.

And, as Chuck Fairbanks demonstrated last season, a coach must have it with his resignations.

Fairbanks had the absolute worst timing last December, announcing he was interested in leaving Foxboro for Boulder just as the Patriots were preparing for the playoffs. The revelation and ensuing turmoil were more than enough to turn the Pats, picked by many as the team most likely to succeed in Postseason '78, into easy pickings for the Oilers.

The Fairbanks Incident is behind them, and now the Pats must regroup for that assault on No. 1. The man they'll be regrouping behind is Ron Erhardt, one of the co-coaches who took over the team for the final regular-season game in Miami, just after Fairbanks made known his preference for the Rockies.

Erhardt had been the Pats' offensive backfield coach since 1973, and is highly regarded around the league for his work. He has promised to open up the offense more than Fairbanks would allow when he ruled the sidelines.

While Erhardt was a popular choice to some, he wasn't as well received by others. There was a faction of Patriots interested in seeing linebacker coach Hank Bullough, who shared the head-man duties with Erhardt in that Dolphins game, ascend to the post.

Erhardt must calm that faction, and make the Pats forget about the man now recruiting for that rugged Big Eight schedule. And Patriot backers are hoping Erhardt, who compiled a brilliant 62-7-2 record as head coach at North Dakota State in the late '60s and early '70s, will exhibit some better timing than did his predecessor.

### OFFENSE

**Quarterbacks**—Steve Grogan perhaps is the greatest mixed-emotions quarterback in the league. He is the best running quarterback, no doubt, as his 539 yards and five TDs demonstrated last year. And he has one of the strongest arms, but sometimes is less than accurate with that arm, as his 23 interceptions attested to in '78. Erhardt promises to give Grogan more weapons in '79, and that could help him divest himself of those negative emotions. Tom Owen is a capable backup man with experience, while Matt Cavanaugh, drafted high in '78, could be the QB of the future.

**Running backs**—Erhardt has a stableful of runners. Sam "Bam" Cunningham had 768 yards, Horace Ivory 693, Andy Johnson 675, and Don Calhoun 391. With Grogan's yardage added, it's easy to see why the Pats were No. 1 in rushing (3165 yards, an NFL record) in 1978. Ivory was the biggest surprise, coming off a 10-yard rookie season in

'77. He added the speed missing in the past. Journeyman James McAlister and Mosi Tatu-pu provide the depth, but they didn't get much playing time last year, for obvious reasons.

**Receivers**—The Patriots must be given credit for achieving what they did in '78 (11-5 record, AFC East title), considering the tragedy that struck the club in preseason. Darryl Stingley, on his way to becoming one of the top receivers in the NFL, struggled near death while his teammates prepared for the season. It was a terrible loss for the Pats. Harold Jackson was brought in from L.A. to help, and he responded with 37 catches and six touchdowns. Stanley Morgan blossomed on the other flank with 34 receptions and Russ Francis, when healthy, continued his assault on the practically perfect tight end title with 39 catches. Carlos Pennywell and Don Westbrook, both relatively inexperienced, support the flanks while Don Has-selbeck is a gem as Francis's backup man.

**Offensive line**—Whatever Erhardt decides to do with his offense, he gets a head start because of his line. All-pros John Hannah and Leon Gray, who form a steamroller on the left side, spark this unit which also includes veteran center Bill Lenkaitis, steady guard Sam Adams, and improving tackle Shelby Jordan. There's a sixth member, too, handyman Pete Brock, whose ability to fill in anywhere actually hinders him from grabbing a full-time job. The Pats lost two top-

flight rookies, Bob Cryder and Dwight Wheeler, to injuries in '78, but they and Terry Falcon will be back to support the "front six" in '79.

### DEFENSE

**Front three**—Loss of Julius Adams with a shoulder injury in the first game hurt the Pats' rush line in '78. With Adams back, however, Richard Bishop moves back to noseguard, where he supports Sugar Bear Hamilton, who led the unit with 86 tackles. Vet Tony McGee led in sacks with 11½, and he'll share the other end spot again with the steady Mel Lunsford. Greg Boyd, who would have taken Adams' spot were he not injured himself, and ex-Cowboy Greg Schaum provide the depth.

**Linebackers**—If Adams' injury was shattering to the front line, then late-season hurts to Steve Nelson and Steve Zabel were devastating to the linebacking corps. Nelson, despite missing two games, still led the team in tackles and is one of the finer inside linebackers around. He teams with Sam Hunt to patrol the middle area in excellent fashion. Zabel and Rod Shoate work on the outside posts, with Steve King, a sometimes starter, in reserve. Ray Costict, excellent on specials, is the chief reserve in the middle. The rest of the reserve strength is young and inexperienced—Bill Matthews, Mike Hawkins, and Kem Coleman all were rookies in '78. Coleman didn't play because of an injury.



No. 14—Steve Grogan



No. 39—Sam Cunningham

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Secondary—Mike Haynes continued in his all-star fashion at one corner while Raymond Clayborn, a kick-return star as a rookie in 1977, did all right in his first season as a regular on the other flank. The two combined for 10 interceptions, and should provide good corner play for years to come. Sidney Brown is their backup man. When Prentice McCray was injured after three starts, Doug Beaudoin moved in at strong safety and did well enough to keep McCray on the bench the rest of the year. Tim Fox, a real popper, is approaching all-star status as the free safety. Dick Conn does his work on specials and as the nickel back.

#### SPECIAL TEAMS

Injuries sidelined regular kickers John Smith and Mike Patrick early in '78, making



No. 40—Mike Haynes

this a problem spot for the Pats. David Posey eventually came in to do a decent placement job, but Smith should win his job back. Vet Jerrel Wilson handled the punting, but he won't be back in '79. Haynes, Morgan and Clayborn mix in their runback duties with their regular jobs.

#### THE DRAFT

It isn't difficult to see where Erhardt thinks he needs the most help. Four of the Pats' first five picks in the draft were defensive players; the other was Punter Eddie Hare of Tulsa.

The new coach was surprised he got so much defensive talent, particularly first-round back Ricky Sanford of South Carolina and second-round linebacker Bob Golic of Notre Dame. He was a little disappointed, however, he did not get a defensive lineman in the entire draft.

Sanford should step in as the "nickel back" in passing situations, and might be a factor at strong safety. He can play corner-back, too, and could become the No. 1 backup to Haynes and Clayborn. His versatility, at any rate, makes him a fine selection.

Golic, who had knee problems late in his senior year at Notre Dame, should provide backup strength to the inside linebackers. Golic, a fine wrestler, was projected as a first-round choice by the Pats.

Linebacker John Zamberlin of Pacific Lutheran and safety Judson Flint of Memphis State, selected on the fifth and seventh

rounds, respectively, are counted on for special teams help. Flint had two punt-return TDs last season.

Hare, the No. 7 punter in the nation at 43.1 per kick last year, could solve that long-standing Patriot problem.

The offensive players selected included Houston running back Randy Love (eighth round), Yale tight end John Spagnola (ninth), and Vanderbilt wide receiver Martin Cox (10th). None figures to make ripples as a rookie.

In all, the Pats had nine picks.

#### 1978 Season Results

##### NEW ENGLAND (11-5)

14	Washington	16
16	St. Louis	6
27	Baltimore	34
21	Oakland	14
28	San Diego	23
24	Philadelphia	14
10	Cincinnati	3
33	Miami	24
55	N.Y. Jets	21
14	Buffalo	10
23	Houston	26
19	N.Y. Jets	17
35	Baltimore	14
10	Dallas	17
26	Buffalo	24
3	Miami	23
358		286

\*Home game

## 1979 ROSTER

### VETERANS

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	NFL Exp.	Birth-date	College
85	Adams, Julius	DE	6-4	263	8	4/26/48	Texas Southern
61	Adams, Sam	G	6-3	260	8	9/20/48	Prairie View
27	Beaudoin, Doug	S	6-1	190	4	5/15/54	Minnesota
64	Bishop, Richard	NT-DE	6-1	260	4	3/23/50	Louisville
65	Boyd, Greg	DE	6-6	275	3	9/15/52	San Diego State
58	Brock, Pete	C	6-5	260	4	7/14/54	Colorado
21	Brown, Sidney	CB	6-0	186	2	7/3/55	Oklahoma
44	Calhoun, Don	RB	6-0	212	6	4/29/52	Kansas State
12	Cavanaugh, Matt	QB	6-1	210	2	10/27/56	Pittsburgh
26	Clayborn, Raymond	CB-KR	6-1	190	3	1/2/55	Texas
22	Conn, Dick	S	6-0	180	6	1/9/51	Georgia
55	Costick, Ray	LB	6-0	218	3	3/19/55	Mississippi State
75	Cryder, Bob	G	6-4	265	2	9/7/56	Alabama
39	Cunningham, Sam	RB	6-3	230	7	8/15/50	Southern California
68	Falcon, Terry	G	6-3	260	2	8/30/55	Montana
48	Fox, Tim	S	5-11	190	4	11/1/53	Ohio State
81	Francis, Russ	TE	6-6	242	5	4/3/55	Oregon
70	Gray, Leon	T	6-3	260	7	11/15/51	Jackson State
14	Grogan, Steve	QB	6-4	208	5	7/24/53	Kansas State
71	Hamilton, Ray	NT	6-1	245	7	1/20/51	Oklahoma
73	Hannah, John	G	6-2	265	7	4/4/51	Alabama
80	Hasselbeck, Don	TE	6-7	245	3	4/1/55	Colorado
59	Hawkins, Mike	LB	6-2	232	2	11/29/55	Texas A&I
40	Haynes, Mike	CB-KR	6-2	195	4	7/1/53	Arizona State
63	Holmes, Ernie	NT	6-3	260	8	7/11/48	Texas Southern
50	Hunt, Sam	LB	6-1	253	6	8/6/51	Stephen F. Austin
23	Ivory, Horace	RB	6-0	198	3	8/8/54	Oklahoma
29	Jackson, Harold	WR	5-10	175	12	1/6/46	Jackson State
32	Johnson, Andy	RB	6-0	204	5	10/18/52	Georgia
74	Jordan, Shelby	T	6-7	260	4	1/23/52	Washington, Mo.
52	King, Steve	LB	6-4	230	7	6/10/51	Tulsa
67	Lenkaitis, Bill	C	6-4	255	12	6/30/46	Penn State
72	Lunsford, Mel	DE	6-3	260	7	6/13/50	Central State, Ohio
53	Matthews, Bill	LB	6-2	235	1	3/12/56	South Dakota State
37	McAllister, James	RB	6-1	210	4	9/15/51	UCLA
34	McCray, Prentice	S	6-1	190	6	3/1/51	Arizona State
78	McGee, Tony	DE	6-4	250	9	1/18/49	Bishop

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	NFL Exp.	Birth-date	College
86	Morgan, Stanley	WR-KR	5-11	180	3	2/17/55	Tennessee
57	Nelson, Steve	LB	6-2	230	6	4/26/51	North Dakota State
17	Owen, Tom	QB	6-1	194	6	9/1/52	Wichita State
2	Patrick, Mike	P	6-0	190	4	9/6/52	Mississippi State
88	Pennywell, Carlos	WR	6-2	180	2	3/18/56	Grambling
9	Posey, David	K	5-11	167	2	4/1/56	Florida
76	Schaum, Greg	DE	6-4	255	3	1/1/54	Michigan State
56	Shoate, Rod	LB	6-1	215	4	4/26/53	Oklahoma
1	Smith, John	K	6-0	185	6	12/30/49	Southampton, England
84	Stingley, Darryl	WR	6-0	195	6	9/18/51	Purdue
30	Tatupu, Mosi	RB	6-0	229	2	4/26/55	Southern California
83	Westbrook, Don	WR	5-10	184	3	11/1/52	Nebraska
62	Wheeler, Dwight	T	6-3	255	1	1/13/55	Tennessee State
54	Zabel, Steve	LB	6-4	228	10	3/20/48	Oklahoma

#### DRAFT CHOICES

Choice	Name	No. Selected	Pos.	College
1.	SANFORD, Rick	25	DB	South Carolina
2.	GOLIC, Bob	52	LB	Notre Dame
3.	Choice to Los Angeles			
4.	HARE, Eddie	106	P	Tulsa
5.	ZAMBERLIN, John	135	LB	Pacific Lutheran
6.	Choice to Pittsburgh			
7.	FLINT, Judson	177	DB	Memphis State
	from Washington			
	Choice forfeited			
8.	LOVE, Randy	216	RB	Houston
9.	SPAGNOLA, John	245	TE	Yale
10.	COX, Martin	270	WR	Vanderbilt
	from Denver			
	CLARK, Allan	271	RB	Northern Arizona
11.	Choice to Washington			
12.	Choice to Detroit			

COACHES: RON ERHARDT, Raymond Berry, Rick Buffington, Hank Bullough, Gino Cappelletti, Billy Kinard, John Polonchek, Jim Ringo, Fritz Shurmur, Tom Yewcic.





# BALTIMORE COLTS

## AMERICAN FOOTBALL CONFERENCE EASTERN DIVISION

A funny thing happened to the Baltimore Colts on their way to the playoffs last year. Actually, it wasn't very funny to head coach Ted Marchibroda, and not funny at all to quarterback Bert Jones.

Jones played in only three games last year, and found the Colts at 2-4 before he even took a snap. His mobility, leadership, and most of all, his cannon arm were missed by the Colts, who struggled under the combined quarter backing of Bill Troup and Mike Kirkland.

Two of the five Colts' wins came with Jones as the quarterback, indicating the value of the bomber from LSU.

The injury problem didn't stop at Jones, however. Tackles George Kunz and David Taylor, linebackers Stan White and Mike Woods, and defensive linemen Mike Barnes, Ron Fernandes, and Herb Orvis all spent huge portions of time in the training room, rather than on the field.

Marchibroda is hopeful the return to health of all of the above, with an emphasis on Jones, will put the Colts right back in the thick of the AFC East race. The turmoil which has plagued the Colts in recent seasons has all but disappeared, leaving the health of the club as the most important factor.

Marchibroda has gone out to guard against a collapse due to injury, particularly at quarterback where he obtained the veteran Greg Landry from Detroit to serve as Jones' chief backup. But even the talented and experienced Landry would not be able to make up for the loss of Jones over a long period of time.

That's hardly a laughing matter to Marchibroda.

### OFFENSE

Quarterbacks—Jones' shoulder reportedly was mending well this spring, but the Colts are second-guessing themselves for using him at all last year. When healthy, he is one of the top quarterbacks in the league and even last year, with the bad shoulder, com-

pleted 64% of his passes. Landry had lost out to Gary Danielson in Detroit, and says he isn't going to be satisfied just playing second string. Troup had a few good moments, but not enough, last year, while Kirkland showed he needs a lot more work before he'll be ready.

Running backs—The trade of Lydell Mitchell to San Diego just before the start of the regular season drew less than rave reviews. But Joe Washington, who came over in the deal, rushed for 956 yards, caught 45 passes, ran one kickoff back for a TD to beat New England, and threw two scoring passes. Marchibroda looks for continued improvement from the Oklahoma flash. Retread Don Hardeman, who looked good late in the year, will battle Roosevelt Leaks and Ron Lee at fullback, with short-yardage ace Don McCauley available for spot duty at either halfback or fullback.

Receivers—An island of good health in the sea of injuries last year was Roger Carr, who returned from a knee operation to reestablish himself as a home-run threat. Carr, the hard-nosed, always competitive Glenn Doughty and former Raiders' Mike Siani, another slowed by injuries in '78, give Marchibroda three good outside threats. And the coach thinks he has a fourth in Randy Burke, a former No. 1 pick. Reese McCall, last year's No. 1 choice, started slowly but by the end of the year had convinced Colts' coaches they had drafted wisely. He's big, fast, and can catch. Mack Alston, a journeyman, provides experienced backup play at tight end.

Offensive line—The losses of Taylor and Kunz made Marchibroda do some shuffling, and he wound up using Wade Griffin and Bob Van Dyne as his starters. Griffin, while just 240 pounds, developed into a fine pass blocker and will team with Taylor this year if Kunz is forced to retire because of back problems. Van Dyne returns to guard where he backs Robert Pratt, who, Marchibroda says, is one of the top three guards in the league, and one-time top draft pick Ken

Huff. Ken Mendenhall remains undersized but dependable at center. Veteran backups include tackle Don Morrison, center Geoff Reece and guard Ron Baker.

### DEFENSE

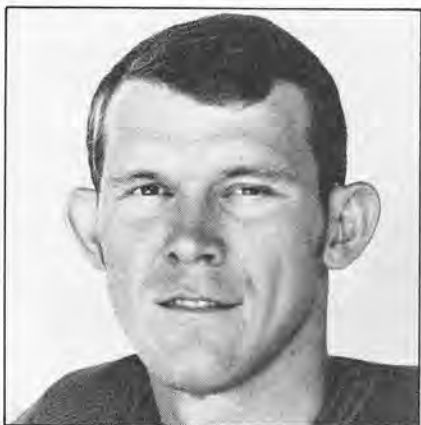
Front four—When healthy, the quartet of John Dutton, Joe Ehrmann, Mike Barnes, and Fred Cook is as good as any foursome in the league. But Barnes, who had an outstanding season in '77, was hurt most of '78, and Ehrmann was nicked, too. That gave Mike Ozdowski and veteran Dave Rowe chances to play since Fernandes, the No. 1 sub in '77, was out the entire season. The above seven, plus Greg Marshall, a late addition in '78 and former Lion star Orvis, give Marchibroda plenty of material in this area.

Linebackers—Alabama's Barry Krauss was the Colts' No. 1 draft pick, and he'll be tested in the middle where the undersized Ed Simonini led the team with 228 tackles. But



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No. 7—Bert Jones



No. 81—Roger Carr



No. 75—George Kunz



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No. 20—Joe Washington

Krauss is 6-3, 235; Simonini 6-0, 210. Woods, a No. 2 pick last year, has recovered from back problems that sidelined him all last season. He'll challenge Tom MacLeod, who came out of retirement after the season started, on the strongside. White, over his knee problems, will be the defensive leader on the weakside. Derrel Luce, Calvin O'Neal, and Sanders Shiver, all of whom filled in at times last year, will be in reserve this time.

Secondary—Marchibroda called this an area of concern, and went out and spent his next two draft picks after Krauss on defensive backs, Arizona State's Kim Anderson and Southern California's Larry Braziel. Norm Thompson led the team with six interceptions, teaming with Doug Nettles as the corners. Dwight Harrison and Lloyd Mumphord provided veteran depth, but it wouldn't be surprising to see Anderson move in somewhere. Lyle Blackwood and Bruce Laird played well at the safeties, however, so Braziel's best chance will be to oust Tim Baylor as the backup man. Blackwood, who, Marchibroda says, is vastly underrated, had 147 tackles and four interceptions (two for TDs) in '78.

#### SPECIAL TEAMS

Toni Linhart was less than awesome in his placekicking last year, hitting on 8-of-17, just one-of-six from 40-yards plus. But lack of

opportunity often means lack of production for placekickers. Veteran David Lee averaged 38.2 per boot, and the final link to the Colts' Super Bowl glories may be pushed out by rookie Russ Henderson in '79. Marshall Johnson handled the bulk of the returns last season, with Washington helping out.

#### THE DRAFT

The Colts didn't think they'd get a shot at Krauss in the first round, and were ready to select UCLA outside linebacker Jerry Robinson, with Woods then moving to the middle. But when the five teams picking ahead of them passed up the MVP of the 1979 Sugar Bowl, the Colts pounced on Krauss the way they hope he'll pounce on opposing ball carriers and receivers. Krauss has the exceptional size, but, typical of a rookie linebacker, must work on his pass defense in the pros.

Anderson, a speed merchant, should be a threat at corner as might the talented but a bit undersized Nesby Glasgow of Washington, who was selected in the eighth round. Braziel primarily is a safety type, although he too might be tested at corner.

The rest of the Colts' draft was devoted to depth. Jimmy Moore, a tight end at Ohio State, was drafted as a tackle on the sixth round. The last time a team drafted a Buckeye tight end and shifted him to tackle, the Rams wound up with Pro Bowler Doug France.

Notre Dame's Steve Heimkreiter (eighth round) might challenge one of the linebacker reserves for a job, while Steve Stephens of Oklahoma State (10th) could become the third tight end. Henderson, the punter from Virginia selected on the ninth round, averaged 45.9, 42.5 and 42.5 his last three collegiate seasons. He also did a little placekicking for the Cavaliers.

In all, the Colts had 10 picks.

#### 1978 Season Results

##### BALTIMORE (5-11)

0	Dallas	38
0	*Miami	42
34	New England	27
17	Buffalo	24
14	*Philadelphia	17
30	St. Louis	17
10	*N.Y. Jets	33
7	*Denver	6
8	Miami	26
21	*Washington	17
17	Seattle	14
24	*Cleveland	45
14	*New England	35
16	N.Y. Jets	24
13	Pittsburgh	35
14	*Buffalo	21

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\*Home game

## 1979 ROSTER

### VETERANS

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	NFL Exp.	Birth-date	College
83	Alston, Mack	TE	6-3	238	10	4/27/47	Maryland-Eastern Shore
60	Baker, Ron	G	6-4	247	2	11/19/54	Oklahoma State
63	Barnes, Mike	DT	6-6	256	7	12/24/50	Miami
	Black, Tim	LB	6-2	225	2	1/3/55	Baylor
47	Baylor, Tim	S	6-6	201	4	5/23/53	Morgan State
44	Blackwood, Lyle	S	6-0	190	7	5/2/51	Texas Christian
84	Burke, Randy	WR	6-1	186	2	5/26/55	Miami
81	Carr, Roger	WR	6-3	200	6	7/1/52	Louisiana Tech
	Clabo, Neil	P	6-0	205	4	11/18/52	Tennessee
72	Cook, Fred	DE	6-3	243	6	4/15/52	Southern Mississippi
35	Doughty, Glenn	WR	6-1	201	7	1/30/51	Michigan
	Dulac, William	G	6-4	260	3	1/15/51	Eastern Michigan
78	Dutton, John	DE	6-7	264	6	2/6/51	Nebraska
76	Ehrmann, Joe	DT	6-4	259	7	3/29/49	Syracuse
73	Fernandes, Ron	DE	6-4	255	5	9/11/51	Eastern Michigan
69	Griffin, Wade	T	6-5	231	2	8/8/54	Mississippi
36	Hardeman, Don	RB	6-2	235	5	8/13/52	Texas A&I
28	Harrison, Dwight	CB	6-2	186	9	10/12/48	Texas A&I
62	Huff, Ken	G	6-4	255	5	2/21/53	North Carolina
80	Johnson, Marshall	WR	6-1	196	3	11/1/52	Houston
7	Jones, Bert	QB	6-3	208	7	9/7/51	Louisiana State
15	Kirkland, Mike	QB	6-1	184	4	6/29/54	Arkansas
75	Kunz, George	T	6-5	265	11	7/5/47	Notre Dame
11	Landry, Greg	QB	6-4	205	12	12/18/46	Massachusetts
40	Laird, Bruce	S	6-1	196	8	5/23/50	American International
48	Leaks, Roosevelt	FB	5-10	218	5	1/31/53	Texas
49	Lee, David	P	6-5	223	14	11/8/43	Louisiana Tech
34	Lee, Ron	FB	6-4	234	4	9/17/53	West Virginia
2	Linhart, Toni	K	5-11	183	6	7/24/42	Austria Tech
	Long, Carson	K	5-11	200	2	12/16/54	Pittsburgh
58	Luce, Derrel	LB	6-3	224	5	9/29/52	Baylor
66	Marshall, Greg	DT	6-3	255	1	9/9/56	Oregon State
86	McCall, Reese	TE	6-7	232	2	6/15/56	Auburn
23	McCauley, Don	RB	6-1	215	9	5/12/49	North Carolina
57	Mendenhall, Ken	C	6-3	247	9	8/11/48	Oklahoma
79	Morrison, Don	T	6-5	265	8	12/16/49	Texas-Arlington
42	Mumphord, Lloyd	CB	5-10	173	11	12/20/46	Texas Southern
30	Nettles, Doug	CB	6-0	185	5	8/13/51	Vanderbilt
55	O'Dell, Stu	LB	6-1	220	6	11/27/51	Indiana

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	NFL Exp.	Birth-date	College
88	Orvis, Herb	DT	6-5	255	8	10/17/46	Colorado
71	Ozdowski, Mike	DE	6-5	243	2	9/24/55	Virginia
	Pinkney, Reggie	CB-S	5-11	185	3	5/27/55	East Carolina
61	Pratt, Robert	G	6-4	245	6	5/25/51	North Carolina
59	Reece, Geoff	C	6-4	247	3	5/16/52	Washington State
74	Rowe, David	DT	6-7	270	13	6/20/45	Penn State
	Shelby, Willie	RB	5-11	200	4	7/24/53	Alabama
54	Shiver, Sanders	LB	6-2	228	4	2/14/55	Carson-Newman
45	Siani, Mike	WR	6-2	195	7	5/27/50	Villanova
56	Simonini, Ed	LB	6-0	210	4	2/2/54	Texas A&M
64	Taylor, David	T	6-5	265	7	10/17/49	Catawba
43	Thompson, Norm	CB	6-1	183	9	3/5/45	Utah
67	Van Duyne, Bob	G-T	6-4	245	6	5/12/52	Idaho
20	Washington, Joe	RB	5-10	183	3	9/24/53	Oklahoma
53	White, Stan	LB	6-1	224	8	10/24/49	Ohio State

### DRAFT CHOICES

Choice	Name	No. Selected	Pos.	College
1.	KRAUSS, Barry	6	LB	Alabama
2.	Choice to Tampa Bay			
3.	Choice to Tampa Bay			
	ANDERSON, Kim	69	DB	Arizona State
	from Washington through Houston			
4.	Choice to Detroit			
5.	BRAZIEL, Larry	115	DB	Southern California
6.	Choice to Buffalo			
	MOORE, Jimmy	150	T	Ohio State
	from Washington			
7.	Choice to Houston			
8.	HEIMKREITER, Steve	197	LB	Notre Dame
	GLASGOW, Nesby	207	DB	Washington
	from Minnesota			
9.	HENDERSON, Russ	224	P	Virginia
10.	STEPHENS, Steve	254	TE	Oklahoma State
11.	PRIESTNER, John	280	LB	Western Ontario
12.	GREEN, Charlie	306	WR	Kansas State

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# BUFFALO BILLS

## AMERICAN FOOTBALL CONFERENCE EASTERN DIVISION

In Chuck Knox's first season at Buffalo, the Bills won as many games as they did the previous two seasons combined. But since Buffalo managed just three wins in '77 and only two the year before that, the net of five victories in '78 didn't have the Bills knocking at the playoff door.

Knox promised no miracles. The man who did everything but get to the Super Bowl in Los Angeles (to some, that meant he didn't accomplish a thing) is looking for continued improvement from his squad. He leaves it at that, however, not wishing to predict anything his players might not be able to deliver.

The Bills' continued improvement will depend a great deal on their defensive unit, which pulled one of those "statistics can be misleading" stunts a year ago. Buffalo actually had the best pass defense in the National Football League, based on yardage allowed!

But why throw on the Bills when your ground attack could cut them to ribbons? That was the philosophy most clubs used against the Buffalo defense, which was so porous versus the run, it wound up last in the NFL. The combo of No. 1 and No. 28 worked out to a rather uninspiring No. 24 ranking overall on defense.

So enter linebacker Tom Cousineau, tackle Fred Smerlas, linebacker Jim Haslett, safety Jeff Nixon, and four other defensive players selected in the draft. The new blood, plus continued improvement from some of the youngsters Knox fused into the lineup last season, buoys the defensive picture for the future.

But just how long will it take for the Bills to reach the upper levels of the AFC East? Knox isn't sure, and he's not guessing. He learned not to make any promises when he was in L.A.

### OFFENSE

Quarterbacks—Joe Ferguson continues to be one of the underrated quarterbacks in the NFL. He was 53% accurate with 16 TDs a year ago, and had better stats than Dan Pastorini, Ken Stabler, Steve Grogan and Ken Anderson. But lack of a good supporting cast prevented Ferguson from gaining the notoriety he's earned. Behind him are veterans Bill Munson, who'll be 38 this year and David Mays, although the Bills took two prospects, Dan Manucci of Kansas State and Dave Marler of Mississippi State in the draft.

Running backs—Terry Miller didn't exactly make them forget O.J., but by the end of the season, last year's No. 1 draft pick certainly made them recognize Terry Miller. A 208-yard game against the Giants helped him to a rookie yardage total of 1060, sixth best ever achieved by an NFL rookie. He teams with the improving Curtis Brown (591 yards) to give the Bills a fine tandem for the future. And the backup pair isn't bad, either, with Roland Hooks netting 358 yards and Dennis Johnson 222 last season. Steve Pow-

ell and Mike Collier are the third set of backs as Knox virtually ignored this area in the draft.

Receivers—The acquisition of Frank Lewis from Pittsburgh helped balance off the passing attack, giving the gutsy Bob Chandler a proven running mate. But the 32-year-old Lewis has lost a step, so enter Clemson's Jerry Butler, by far the No. 1 receiving prospect in the draft. Knox detoured from his defensive priorities to grab Butler with his second pick in the first round. Reuben Gant, whose blocking has improved, is settled as the tight end. The depth includes special teams ace Lou Piccone, veteran Larry Walton, and four players injured in '78, John Holland, Len Willis, Danny Fulton and Willie Zachary on the outside, and converted running back Mike Franckowiak at tight end.

Offensive line—Knox is satisfied with his starting unit, but is looking for depth. Joe DeLamielleure is a Pro Bowler at one guard, while Reggie McKenzie remains productive at the other. Joe Devlin is coming on at one tackle, while Ken Jones recovered from a poor start to contribute at the other tackle. Willie Parker handled nearly every snap, including the placements and punts, at center. Veterans Craig Hertwig and Elbert Drungo (tackles), Bill Adams (guard), and Will Grant and Phil Olsen (centers) are the experienced backups. But Knox is looking for more help from tackle Eric Smith and center Connie Zelencik, both injured a year ago; guard Dan Medlin, obtained from Tampa Bay; and draft-ees Jon Borchardt and Mike Burrow.

### DEFENSE

Front four—Knox thought his defensive line played better than the massive rushing allowance (201.8 yards per game) would indicate. Rookie Dee Hardison led the unit with 81 tackles, and teamed with Mike Kadish,

who reported late at the tackles. Veteran Sherman White and Ben Williams held down the ends, although second-year man Scott Hutchinson is figured to make a push for a job this fall. Another prospect is Phil Dokes, a former No. 1 draft pick who has been disappointing in two seasons (he was injured part of last season, however). Smerlas, who played noseguard at Boston College, is good enough to challenge the starters right away.

Linebackers—Shane Nelson was a rookie starter in '77; Lucius Sanford started in his first season last year. Now Cousineau, the



No. 81—Bob Chandler



No. 12—Joe Ferguson



No. 40—Terry Miller

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first man selected in the draft, is expected to step into the middle as a rookie in '79. If he does, Knox will have three fine young line-backers. Sanford was a surprise, and wound up leading the team with 116 tackles, five sacks, and two blocked field goals. Nelson, a free agent two years ago, was second in tackles with 104. Randy McClanahan and Tom Graham shared the middle last year, with vets Dan Jilek, Doug Becker, and Tom Ehlers available on the outside.

**Secondary**—Another surprise was corner-back Charles Romes, whose play in his first full season as a regular had Knox predicting all-star status for him. Romes, who played only one year of football in college and was drafted No. 12 in '77, included an 85-yard interception return for a TD among his accomplishments in '78. He teams with Mario Clark, who has steadied after some ups and downs in his first few years, on the flanks. Tony Greene continued his fine work at free safety. Doug Jones was the strong safety when healthy, with Steve Freeman filling in when Jones wasn't healthy (four games). Kick-returner Keith Moody, Eddie McMillan and Marvin Switzer were last year's subs, but Nixon and two other draftees will challenge.

A late entry, a cinch to see much game action, is veteran Bill Simpson, acquired from the Rams.

#### SPECIAL TEAMS

Veteran Tom Dempsey kicked only 10 field goals last year, but he had only 13

attempts. Rusty Jackson got off to a good start punting, but tailed off as the weather got colder... and colder... and colder. Knox didn't draft a kicker per se, although quarterback Marler is a placekicker and line-backer Haslett a punter. Moody's 12.6 punt-return norm, with one 82-yard TD return, ranked him second in the NFL in the punt-runback department. Piccone, Brown, Johnson, and Hooks all have had return experience.

#### THE DRAFT

The immediate reaction was to compare Cousineau, the 6-3, 230-pounder from Ohio State, to another former Buckeye linebacker, Denver's Randy Gradishar. Cousineau was flattered by the comparison but added, "I've got my own job to do, and I aim to do it." Knox is aiming to give him every chance to hold down the middle, which he did in spectacular fashion in college.

Butler, a 6-1, 177-pounder, more than fills Knox's need for a burner, a deep man who could make Chandler, Lewis and Gant even more effective in the short and middle zones. Smerlas and Haslett are a pair of intriguing athletes, with the former exhibiting unusual quickness and speed for a 270-pounder, and the latter averaging 41.5 per punt while gaining Little All-American honors as an Indiana State (PA) linebacker.

Borchardt (third round), a 250-pounder, was another Little All-America pick at Mon-

tana State, and can play either guard or tackle. Burrow (sixth), a 262-pounder from Auburn, also has the versatility to play almost anywhere in the offensive line.

Other defensive hopefuls include Nixon (fourth round), a ballhawking safety (23 career interceptions) from Richmond whose speed might not be up to NFL standards; Ken Johnson, (fourth), an end from Knoxville; Rod Kush (fifth), a back from Nebraska-Omaha; Kevin Baker, (ninth), an end from William Penn; and Paul Lawler (11th), a back from Colgate.

In all, Buffalo had 15 selections.

#### 1978 Season Results

##### BUFFALO (5-11)

17	*Pittsburgh	28
20	*N.Y. Jets	21
24	Miami	31
24	*Baltimore	17
28	*Kansas City	13
14	N.Y. Jets	45
10	Houston	17
5	*Cincinnati	0
20	Cleveland	41
10	*New England	14
24	*Miami	25
10	Tampa Bay	31
41	*N.Y. Giants	17
10	Kansas City	14
24	New England	26
21	Baltimore	14
302	*Home game	354

## 1979 ROSTER

### VETERANS

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	NFL Exp.	Birth-date	College
60	Adams, Bill	G	6-2	246	7	2/4/50	Holy Cross
7	Becker, Doug	LB	6-0	220	2	6/27/56	Notre Dame
47	Brown, Curtis	FB	5-10	203	3	12/7/54	Missouri
58	Celotto, Mario	LB	6-3	234	2	8/23/56	Southern California
81	Chandler, Bob	WR	6-1	180	9	4/24/49	Southern California
29	Clark, Mario	CB	6-2	195	4	3/29/52	Oregon
35	Collier, Mike	RB	5-11	200	3	9/21/53	Morgan State
68	DeLamielleure, Joe	G	6-3	245	7	3/16/51	Michigan State
6	Dempsey, Tom	K	6-1	260	11	1/12/47	Iowa
70	Devlin, Joe	T	6-5	250	4	2/23/54	Iowa
85	Dokes, Phil	DE	6-5	255	3	9/7/55	Oklahoma State
79	Drungo, Elbert	T	6-5	265	11	4/30/43	Tennessee State
56	Ehlers, Tom	LB	6-2	218	5	7/14/52	Kentucky
12	Ferguson, Joe	QB	6-1	195	7	4/23/50	Arkansas
84	Frankowiak, Mike	TE	6-3	225	5	3/25/53	Central Michigan
22	Freeman, Steve	SS	5-11	185	5	5/8/53	Mississippi State
42	Freitas Rockne	T	6-6	275	12	9/7/45	Oregon State
42	Fulton, Dan	WR	6-2	180	1	9/2/56	Nebraska-Omaha
88	Gant, Reuben	TE	6-4	225	6	4/12/52	Oklahoma State
55	Graham, Tom	LB	6-2	235	8	4/15/50	Oregon
53	Grant, Will	C	6-3	248	2	3/7/54	Kentucky
43	Greene, Tony	S	5-10	175	9	8/29/49	Maryland
74	Hardison, Dee	DT	6-4	269	2	5/22/56	North Carolina
76	Hertwig, Craig	T	6-8	270	4	1/15/52	Georgia
80	Holland, John	WR	6-1	190	5	2/28/52	Tennessee State
25	Hooks, Roland	RB	6-0	195	4	1/2/53	North Carolina State
78	Hutchinson, Scott	DE	6-4	243	2	5/27/56	Florida
73	Ieremia, Mekeli	DE	6-2	244	1	3/4/54	Brigham Young
4	Jackson, Rusty	P	6-2	195	3	11/17/50	Louisiana State
51	Jilek, Dan	LB	6-2	225	4	12/3/53	Michigan
75	Johnson, Dennis L	DT	6-4	265	6	10/22/51	Delaware
39	Johnson, Dennis	FB	6-3	220	2	2/26/56	Mississippi State
24	Jones, Doug	S	6-2	205	6	11/23/51	California State
72	Jones, Ken	T	6-5	250	4	12/1/52	Arkansas State
71	Kadish, Mike	DT	6-5	270	7	5/27/59	Notre Dame
82	Lewis, Frank	WR	6-1	196	9	7/7/47	Grambling
10	Mays, David	QB	6-1	204	4	6/20/49	Texas Southern
54	McClanahan, R.	LB	6-5	225	3	12/12/54	Southwest Louisiana
67	McKenzie, Reggie	G	6-5	242	8	7/27/50	Michigan
41	McMillan, Eddie	CB	6-0	190	7	11/25/51	Florida State

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No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	NFL Exp.	Birth-date	College
40	Miller, Terry	RB	5-10	196	2	1/7/56	Oklahoma State
46	Moody, Keith	CB	5-10	170	4	6/13/53	Syracuse
9	Munson, Bill	QB	6-2	205	16	8/11/41	Utah State
59	Nelson, Shane	LB	6-1	225	3	5/25/55	Baylor
	Olsen, Phil	C	6-4	260	7	4/26/48	Utah State
61	Parker, Willie	C	6-3	245	8	12/28/48	North Texas State
89	Piccone, Lou	WR	5-9	175	6	7/17/49	West Liberty State
23	Powell, Steve	RB	5-11	186	2	1/2/56	Northeast Missouri State
26	Romes, Charles	CB	6-1	190	3	12/16/54	North Carolina Central
	Shipp, Joe	TE	6-4	225	1	7/25/55	USC
	Smith, Eric	T	6-4	263	1	1/13/56	Southern Mississippi
57	Sanford, Lucius	LB	6-2	216	2	2/13/56	Georgia Tech
21	Switzer, Marvin	S	6-0	192	1	10/28/54	Kansas State
49	Walton, Larry	WR	6-0	180	11	2/8/47	Arizona State
83	White, Sherman	DE	6-5	250	8	10/6/48	California
77	Williams, Ben	DE	6-3	245	4	9/1/54	Mississippi
86	Willis, Len	WR	5-11	185	4	3/4/53	Ohio State
53	Zelencik, Connie	C	6-4	245	2	4/3/55	Purdue

#### DRAFT CHOICES

Choice	Name	No. Selected	Pos.	College
1.	COUSINEAU, Tom from San Francisco	1	LB	Ohio State
	BUTLER, Jerry	5	WR	Clemson
2.	SMERLAS, Fred	32	DT	Boston College
	HASLETT, Jim from Denver	51	LB	Indiana, Pa.
3.	BORCHARDT, Jon	62	T	Montana State
4.	JOHNSON, Ken from San Francisco	83	DE	Knoxville
	NIXON, Jeff	87	DB	Richmond
5.	KUSH, Rod	114	DB	Nebraska-Omaha
	MANUCCI, Dan from Tampa Bay through Seattle	116	QB	Kansas State
6.	Choice to Houston			
	BURROW, Mike from Baltimore	141	G	Auburn
7.	MULLADY, Tom	170	TE	Southwestern, Tenn.
8.	Choice to Philadelphia			
9.	BAKER, Kevin	226	DE	William Penn
10.	MARLER, David	253	QB	Mississippi State
11.	LAWLER, Paul	279	DB	Colgate
12.	HARRIS, Mike	308	RB	Arizona State



# NEW YORK JETS

## AMERICAN FOOTBALL CONFERENCE EASTERN DIVISION

**W**alt Michaels thinks his Jets have reached the position where they really can't afford to have another good draft. "Our improvement will depend upon the continued maturity of the people we have here right now," explained the no-nonsense head coach.

"We don't want to see a dozen or so rookies making our squad again this year. We can't continue to keep turning over personnel. We have to settle with a nucleus upon which we continue to grow. Any new players we add along the way should be icing on the cake."

Sure, there will be some new faces on the Jets this season, but no longer will those little tags with "Hi! My name is \_\_\_\_\_" be part of the general equipment issued to all players. Michaels, with an 8-8 season behind him, is ready to embark on the second step of his building program—maturity.

There was a great deal of precociousness among the Jets last season. The team averaged 24 years per player and had a maturity factor of 1.55 years per performer. Despite being the most youthful and inexperienced squad in the league, and despite losing a potential all-star quarterback early, Michaels fashioned a .500 season and had the Jets in playoff contention until an overtime loss in Cleveland (one of the season's most exciting and memorable games) on the next-to-last weekend of the year.

Michaels knows he must do some shoring up of his defense if the Jets are to fly high again this year. With Wesley Walker, Derrick Gaffney, Jerome Barkum and Kevin Long, plus some young stud linemen available on offense, he knows the only problem there is a pleasant one—choosing a quarterback.

### OFFENSE

Quarterbacks—Richard Todd was on his way to an exceptional season until he suffered a broken collarbone against Washington the fourth week of the season. At that time it looked like the Jets' season was over. Todd was the spark in the opening-game upset of Miami, and the hope for more surprises. But enter Matt Robinson, a second-year man from Georgia who was a ninth-round draft selection in 1977. Robinson led the Jets to six more wins, yielding his starting job only when Todd returned briefly before reinjuring his shoulder. Robinson threw for 13 TDs and showed the ability to come up with the big play time and time again. Michaels had the two rated even going into training camp with No. 3 Pat Ryan, a rookie surprise from Tennessee, not far behind.

Running backs—They were a bunch of nobodies, as a Buffalo writer called them, early in the season. But by the end of the year Long (954 yards), Scott Dierking (681), and part-timer Bruce Harper (303) had taken some of the pressure off the passing game. Long, like Robinson, was a surprise blossom-

er. He scored 10 TDs and caught 26 passes. Dierking provided superior blocking while Harper's speed was the change-of-pace. Steady Clark Gaines, ex-Bill Darnell Powell, special teams ace Tom Newton and James Earley, a knee case after two games, are the veteran reserves.

Receivers—Walker established himself as the premier deep threat in the league, averaging a brilliant 24.4 yards per catch of his 48 catches, and scored 10 times. What made Michaels even happier was the elimination of drops by the speedster entering his third year. Gaffney, a backup to Wes Chandler at Florida, was another big surprise, catching 38 balls and averaging 18.2 per grab. Barkum provides a deep threat at tight end, although Mickey Shuler, another of last year's rookies, is a better blocker.

Offensive line—Chris Ward followed Marvin Powell as a No. 1 draft choice, and now Michaels feels he has two solid offensive tackles for many years to come. The 269-pound Ward finished up with a great game against Dallas' Harvey Martin, while the 271-pound Powell played extremely well despite some nagging injuries. Veteran Randy Rasmussen, who dates back to Super Bowl III, had another good year at left guard while Joe Fields graded out well at center. Dan Alexander, a former defensive lineman, continued to progress at right guard. Tackle John Roman proved a capable sub for Powell, with Stan Waldemore available to back the guards.

### DEFENSE

Front four (three)—Michaels was unsure whether he'd use a 4-3 or 3-4. If it's the former, he'll need another lineman to go along with Joe Klecko, who had eight of the modest 22 sacks collected by the team; Abdul Salaam, the noseguard in the three-man front; and Lawrence Pillers, who performed steadily despite some nagging injuries. "We need improvement here," admits Michaels, who drafted two prospects with his first two

picks. Veteran depth could come from either Gregg Robinson, a draftee from Dartmouth last year, or Joe Pellegrini, picked up from Oakland at the close of training camp. Pellegrini made some big plays in a reserve role last season. John Hennessy, an inside linebacker last year, could be switched back to defensive end.

Linebackers—Greg Buttle missed the last eight games and he was establishing himself as the defensive leader. The Penn Stater had overcome an early-season slump when he went down with a knee injury. Bob Martin, the other outside linebacker, had the best overall season while Larry Keller, Buttle's replacement, showed he could play, too. Hennessy and Mike Hennigan handled the inside spots although Mark Merrill, a second-round



No. 17—Matt Robinson



No. 14—Richard Todd



No. 85—Wesley Walker

draft pick, showed improvement after a slow start.

Secondary—This was one of Michaels' biggest headaches entering the season, but he was pleased with the development shown by safeties Burgess Owens and Shafer Suggs, and the emergence of Bobby Jackson, a sixth-round pick and one of 10 draftees to make the roster last year. Jackson tied Owens for the team lead in interceptions with five while Suggs led the team in tackles with 161 in his first injury-free season. Ed Taylor is the other corner, although Reggie Grant and ex-Bronco Larry Riley could press him. The spare safeties are Ken Schroy, Tim Moresco and ex-Chief Steve Taylor, signed as a free agent.

#### SPECIAL TEAMS

Pat Leahy shook off some early failures and wound up leading the AFC in scoring with 107 points, hitting on 22 of 30 field goal tries. Chuck Ramsey averaged 40.1 per punt, the best average by a Jet punter since Steve O'Neal had the same norm in 1970. Harper was a one-man dynamo on returns, leading the NFL in all-purpose yardage (2157) and setting a league mark for combined return yardage (1658). The 5-8, 182-pounder was third in the NFL in punt returns at 12.6 with one 82-yard TD return. Michaels

subs him periodically on offense but admits, "I don't want him punishing himself. I want him around another seven or eight years."

#### THE DRAFT

Marty Lyons of Alabama and Mark Gastineau of East Central Oklahoma were the two linemen Michaels chose with his first draft picks. Lyons, an All-American, and Gastineau, a virtual unknown, should enable Michaels to return to a 4-3 defense.

Both are fine pass rushers. Lyons was exceptional in the Sugar and Senior Bowls while Gastineau, brought in by Michaels and his staff as a late replacement on the Senior Bowl North squad, showed he can play with the big guys (he started out at Arizona State, anyway).

Michaels also went for that cornerback aid with swifty Donald Dykes of Southeast Louisiana (third round) and Johnny Lynn of UCLA (fourth). He also got some offensive line depth early with Penn State's Eric Cunningham (fourth) and Michigan's Bill Dufek (sixth). Dufek, plagued by injuries most of his collegiate career, could be a golden pick, if he stays healthy.

Keith Brown of Minnesota, a seventh-round choice, is another candidate in the secondary while three players, including Kentucky's Kelly Kirchbaum (fifth round), will be looking

for work at linebacker.

Another low-round gem could be running back Gordy Sprattler of North Dakota State, who averaged 7.1 per carry as a senior. Danny Sanders of little Carson-Newman was selected on the 11th round, but he may have the toughest road of all making the Jets' squad. Sanders is a quarterback.

In all, the Jets had 17 selections.

#### 1978 Season Results NEW YORK JETS (8-8)

33	*Miami	20
21	Buffalo	20
17	*Seattle	24
3	Washington	23
17	*Pittsburgh	28
45	*Buffalo	14
33	Baltimore	10
23	*St. Louis	10
21	New England	55
31	Denver	28
9	Philadelphia	17
17	*New England	19
24	Miami	13
24	*Baltimore	16
34	Cleveland**	37
7	*Dallas	30
359		364

\*Home game \*\*Overtime

## 1979 ROSTER

### VETERANS

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	NFL Exp.	Birth-date	College
60	Alexander, Dan	G	6-4	251	3	6/17/55	Louisiana State
67	Austin, Darrell	G-C	6-4	252	5	11/5/51	South Carolina
83	Barkum, Jerome	TE	6-4	217	8	7/17/50	Jackson State
80	Bell, Kevin	WR	5-10	180	2	3/14/55	Lamar
51	Buttle, Greg	LB	6-3	229	4	6/20/54	Penn State
25	Dierking, Scott	RB	5-10	215	3	5/24/55	Purdue
47	Earley, Jim	FB	6-1	230	2	1/23/56	Michigan State
65	Fields, Joe	C-G	6-2	245	5	11/14/53	Widener
81	Gaffney, Derrick	WR	6-1	175	2	5/24/55	Florida
21	Gaines, Clark	RB	6-1	194	4	2/1/54	Wake Forest
49	Grant, Reggie	CB	5-9	185	2	9/2/55	Oregon
42	Harper, Bruce	RB-KR	5-8	182	3	6/20/55	Kutztown State
63	Hennessey, John	LB-DE	6-3	236	3	3/12/55	Michigan
52	Hennigan, Mike	LB	6-2	215	7	10/24/51	Tennessee Tech
84	Iwanowski, Mark	TE	6-4	230	2	9/8/55	Pennsylvania
40	Jackson, Bobby	CB	5-9	175	2	12/23/56	Florida State
89	Jones, Bobby	WR	5-11	180	2	7/12/55	No College
56	Keller, Larry	LB	6-2	225	4	10/2/53	Houston
73	Klecko, Joe	DE	6-3	256	3	10/15/53	Temple
5	Leahy, Pat	K	6-0	190	6	3/19/51	St. Louis
33	Long, Kevin	FB	6-1	205	3	1/20/55	South Carolina
59	Martin, Bob	LB	6-1	214	4	11/14/53	Nebraska
58	Merrill, Mark	LB	6-4	237	2	5/5/55	Minnesota
50	Mock, Mike	LB-P	6-1	225	2	2/25/55	Texas Tech
71	Moreno, Joe	DE-DT	6-6	246	2	4/4/55	Idaho State
37	Moresco, Tim	S	5-11	176	3	10/3/54	Syracuse
44	Newton, Tom	FB	6-0	205	3	3/8/54	California
22	Owens, Burgess	S	6-2	195	7	8/2/51	Miami
77	Pellegrini, Joe	DT	6-2	270	2	8/9/56	Idaho
76	Pillers, Lawrence	DE	6-3	247	4	11/4/52	Alcorn State
20	Powell, Darnell	RB	6-0	184	3	5/31/54	Tennessee-Chattanooga
79	Powell, Marvin	T	6-5	271	3	8/30/55	Southern California
86	Raba, Bob	TE	6-1	222	3	4/23/55	Maryland
15	Ramsey, Chuck	P	6-2	183	3	2/24/52	Wake Forest
30	Randolph, Terry	S	6-0	185	2	7/17/55	American International
66	Rasmussen, Randy	G	6-2	255	13	5/10/45	Kearney State
34	Riley, Larry	CB	5-10	190	3	11/21/54	Salem
64	Robinson, Gregg	DE-DT	6-6	255	2	8/16/56	Dartmouth
17	Robinson, Matt	QB	6-2	196	3	6/28/55	Georgia
61	Roman, John	T	6-4	251	4	8/31/52	Idaho State

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	NFL Exp.	Birth-date	College
4	Ryan, Pat	QB	6-3	205	2	9/16/55	Tennessee
74	Salaam, Abdul	DT	6-3	260	4	2/12/53	Kent State
48	Schroy, Ken	S	6-2	191	3	9/22/52	Maryland
82	Shuler, Mickey	TE	6-3	229	2	8/21/56	Penn State
87	Stephens, Bruce	WR-KR	5-9	170	2	10/31/56	Columbia
23	Suggs, Shafer	SS	6-1	200	4	4/28/53	Ball State
38	Taylor, Ed	CB	6-0	175	5	5/13/53	Memphis State
36	Taylor, Steve	S	6-3	198	2	12/27/53	Kansas
14	Todd, Richard	QB	6-2	200	4	11/19/53	Alabama
70	Waldemore, Stan	G-T	6-4	257	2	2/20/55	Nebraska
85	Walker, Wesley	WR	6-0	179	3	5/26/55	California
72	Ward, Chris	T	6-3	269	2	12/16/55	Ohio State

#### DRAFT CHOICES

Choice	Name	No. Selected	Pos.	College
1.	LYONS, Marty	14	DE	Alabama
2.	GASTINEAU, Mark	41	DE	East Central Oklahoma
3.	DYKES, Donald	68	DB	S.E. Louisiana
4.	CUNNINGHAM, Eric	96	G	Penn State
	LYNN, Johnny	98	DB	UCLA
5.	KIRCHBAUM, Kelly	123	LB	Kentucky
	BLINKA, Stan	125	LB	Sam Houston State
	from Green Bay			
6.	DUFKE, Bill	149	G	Michigan
7.	KING, Emmett	179	RB	Houston
	BROWN, Keith	187	DB	Minnesota
	from Houston			
8.	HARRIS, Marshall	198	DT	Texas Christian
	from Tampa Bay			
	BEAMON, Willie	205	LB	Boise State
9.	SPRATTLER, Gordy	232	RB	North Dakota State
10.	SYBELDON, Steve	262	T	North Dakota
	MC GLASSON, Ed	263	C	Youngstown
	from Minnesota			
11.	SANDERS, Dan	288	QB	Carson-Newman
12.	DARBY, Paul	314	WR	S.W. Texas

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# DALLAS COWBOYS

## NATIONAL FOOTBALL CONFERENCE EASTERN DIVISION

**T**om Landry says his Dallas Cowboys are anxiously looking forward to the 1979 season because they didn't accomplish their objective last year.

The Cowboys merely got to the Super Bowl for an unprecedented fifth time (three visits in the last four years), but didn't win, losing that 35-31 thriller to the Pittsburgh Steelers.

There is no reason to believe the Cowboys won't represent the NFC again in Super Bowl XIV at Pasadena's Rose Bowl.

"We have basically the same team we had last year and that was one of the best teams we've taken to the Super Bowl," Landry said.

This concise evaluation is enough to make the rest of the NFC shake collective heads in despair. The Cowboys have no obvious weaknesses; they're neither too young nor too old; have an innovative, proven leader in coach Landry supported by one of the best organizations in professional sports.

The personnel is, of course, first-rate: Roger Staubach, the ageless, winning quarterback; improving Tony Dorsett, the game-breaking halfback; outstanding receivers in Drew Pearson and Tony Hill, and a smothering defense led by Randy White, Harvey Martin, D.D. Lewis, Cliff Harris and Charlie Waters.

The NFC East is not a weak division but it isn't as strong as it was in other years when Washington and St. Louis were challenging for titles or wild-card berths in the playoffs.

The most conservative estimate would put Dallas in the playoffs for the 13th time in the last 14 years.

### OFFENSE

Quarterbacks—Staubach is 37 and in his 11th pro season. But there aren't even subtle signs that his years are numbered. He was the NFL's No. 1 rated quarterback in 1978 and Landry says he expects Staubach to perform at this high level for several more years. And, when the gifted Staubach is injured, or has a rare off-day, Danny White, who'd be a starter on most teams, is more than a capable replacement. White played the entire game against the New York Jets as the Cowboys won, 30-7, and filled in for Staubach in the second half in an opening playoff game against Atlanta. The Cowboys won, 27-20, after trailing, 20-13, at half time. Glenn Carano, the No. 3 quarterback, has a future in Dallas. "He has a good arm and he's a good athlete," Landry said. "We're strong at quarterback." An understatement.

Running backs—Landry said that Dorsett played well at the start of the season but not anything near the way he played toward the end in Dallas' drive to the Super Bowl. The sharp cutting, fast accelerating Dorsett wound up as the NFC's No. 2 rusher with 1325 yards—only 50 yards behind Chicago's Walter Payton. He also caught 37 passes for

378 yards. T.D.'s third pro season could be his best.

Robert Newhouse, the stumpy effective fullback, was injured the latter part of the season, but Scott Laidlaw, a smart runner-receiver from Stanford, filled in commendably. Landry says that veteran Preston Pearson is not considered a reserve because of his contributions to the passing game—47

receptions to lead the team. Others are Doug Dennison, injured early in the season, and two promising young runners, Larry Brinson and Alois Blackwell.

Receivers—Drew Pearson, the smooth, big-play wide receiver, wasn't used as much in 1978 (44 catches, 714 yards) as he was in 1977 (48-870) only because rangy Tony Hill (46-823) came into his own to give the Cow-



No. 80—Tony Hill



No. 12—Roger Staubach



No. 33—Tony Dorsett

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boys more of a balanced passing attack. Butch Johnson is a first-class replacement for either Pearson or Hill as well as being an outstanding punt-kickoff runner. Solid is the word for tight end Billy Joe DuPree, who is a good blocker, catches the ball in traffic (nine touchdowns in '78) and is improving. Jay Saldi, the backup tight end, broke his arm early in the year, but Landry expects him to be sound next season. This means that veteran Jackie Smith, acquired when Saldi was hurt, probably will retire after a 16-year career, all previous years with St. Louis.

**Offensive line**—Early last season, some of Dallas' opponents contended that the Cowboys weren't that strong up front because all-pro tackle Rayfield Wright was playing injured and the messenger guards Herbert Scott, Tom Rafferty and Burton Lawless weren't that effective. But this criticism wasn't heard at the end of the season as the Cowboys wound up as the NFC's No. 1 rushing team. Landry is hopeful that Wright's injured knee will be stronger with off-season rehabilitation. The other tackle, Pat Donovan, graded out as Dallas' best blocker and one of the best in the league. Center John Fitzgerald is highly regarded, too, even though he played with injuries. There are potentially good backups including tackle Andy Frederick, a starter at the outset of the '78 season.

#### DEFENSE

**Front four**—Defense always has been a strong suit of the Cowboys, so it isn't surprising when Landry says that tackle Randy White was the best player on the team, week

in and week out. White had to assert himself—and did—when end Harvey Martin was troubled with leg injuries. Martin, the feared pass rusher, is expected to regain his fierce 1977 form in '79. Ed (Too Tall) Jones, called a big game player, is one of 142 NFL players who declared free-agent status. The 6-9 end would be missed on a Dallas alignment that includes dependable tackle Larry Cole; Larry Bethea, the No. 1 draft pick in '78, and third-down pass rusher Dave Stalls. Cowboys were No. 2 rated in total defense in the NFC (behind the Rams) and the NFL's best against the rush.

**Linebackers**—D.D. Lewis, the weakside backer and an 11-year veteran, had another excellent season and complements the younger backers. Bob Breunig in the middle and talkative Thomas Henderson on the strong side. Henderson makes outlandish estimates of his own ability and needles opponents to psych himself up for games. But he usually backs up what he says. Speaking of backups, Mike Hegman, who stole the ball from Terry Bradshaw in the Super Bowl, is a good one, and ultra-fast Guy Brown shows promise.

**Secondary**—Charlie Waters and Cliff Harris are considered the best pair of safeties in the NFL. Enough said. Cornerbacks Benny Barnes and Mark Washington last season played with injuries that hampered their effectiveness, but Aaron Kyle got better as the season progressed. Solid citizen Randy Hughes can play either safety spot and is valuable on special defenses. Dennis Thurman, the rookie from USC, seemingly has a future.

#### SPECIAL TEAMS

Danny White is a poised punter who is a threat to run or pass in certain situations. Rafael Septien, the ex-Ram, made 16 of 26 field goals and had a strong leg on kickoffs.

#### THE DRAFT

The talent-rich Cowboys chose a center, Robert Shaw of Tennessee, on the first round. Fitzgerald, the regular center, is a 9-year veteran who has had to play with injuries. Aaron Mitchell, a defensive back from Nevada Las Vegas, was a second-round choice.

#### 1978 Season Results

##### DALLAS (12-4)

38	*Baltimore	0
34	N.Y. Giants	24
14	Los Angeles	27
21	*St. Louis	12
5	Washington	9
24	*N.Y. Giants	3
24	St. Louis**	21
14	*Philadelphia	7
10	*Minnesota	21
16	Miami	23
42	Green Bay	14
27	*New Orleans	7
37	*Washington	10
17	*New England	10
31	Philadelphia	13
30	N.Y. Jets	7
384		208

\*Home game \*\*Overtime

## 1979 ROSTER

### VETERANS

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	NFL Exp.	Birth-date	College
31	Barnes, Benny	CB	6-1	195	8	3/3/51	Stanford
76	Bethea, Larry	DT	6-5	254	2	7/21/56	Michigan State
24	Blackwell, Alois	RB	5-10	195	2	11/12/54	Houston
	Blount, Jeb	QB	6-3	200	2	7/12/54	Tulsa
53	Breunig, Bob	LB	6-2	225	5	7/4/53	Arizona State
36	Brinson, Larry	RB	6-0	214	3	6/6/54	Florida
59	Brown, Guy	LB	6-4	228	3	6/1/55	Houston
18	Carano, Glenn	QB	6-3	202	3	11/18/55	Nevada-Las Vegas
40	Christensen, Todd	TE-RB	6-3	229	1	8/3/56	Brigham Young
53	Cole, Larry	DE-DT	6-5	252	12	11/15/46	Hawaii
61	Cooper, Jim	C	6-5	260	3	9/28/55	Temple
21	Dennison, Doug	RB	6-0	205	6	12/18/51	Kutztown State
67	Donovan, Pat	T	6-4	250	5	7/1/53	Stanford
33	Dorsett, Tony	RB	5-11	190	3	4/7/54	Pittsburgh
89	DuPree, Billy Joe	TE	6-4	229	7	3/7/50	Michigan State
62	Fitzgerald, John	C	6-5	260	9	4/16/48	Boston College
71	Frederick, Andy	T	6-6	255	3	9/25/54	New Mexico
43	Harris, Cliff	S	6-1	192	10	11/12/48	Ouachita
58	Hegman, Mike	LB	6-1	225	4	1/17/53	Tennessee State
56	Henderson, Tom	LB	6-2	220	5	3/1/53	Langston
80	Hill, Tony	WR	6-2	198	3	6/23/56	Stanford
78	Hudgens, David	T	6-5	250	1	2/27/55	Oklahoma
42	Hughes, Randy	S	6-4	207	5	4/3/53	Oklahoma
57	Huther, Bruce	LB	6-1	220	3	7/23/54	New Hampshire
86	Johnson, Butch	WR	6-1	192	4	5/28/54	California-Riverside
25	Kyle, Aaron	CB	5-10	185	4	4/6/54	Wyoming
35	Laidlaw, Scott	RB	6-0	205	5	2/17/53	Stanford
66	Lawless, Burton	G	6-4	255	5	11/1/53	Florida
50	Lewis, D.D.	LB	6-1	215	11	10/16/45	Mississippi State
79	Martin, Harvey	DE	6-5	250	7	11/16/50	East Texas State
44	Newhouse, Robert	RB	5-10	215	8	1/9/50	Houston
88	Pearson, Drew	WR	6-0	183	7	1/12/51	Tulsa
26	Pearson, Preston	RB	6-1	206	13	1/17/45	Illinois
64	Rafferty, Tom	G	6-3	250	4	8/2/54	Penn State
60	Randall, Tom	G	6-5	245	2	8/3/56	Iowa State
45	Randle, Kenny	DB	6-0	196	1	10/12/54	Southern California

**COACHES:** TOM LANDRY, Eral Allen, Mike Ditka, Jim Myers, Dan Reeves, Gene Stallings, Ernie Stautner, Jerry Tubbs, Bob Ward.

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	NFL Exp.	Birth-date	College
87	Saldi, Jay	TE	6-3	227	4	10/8/54	South Carolina
68	Scott, Herbert	G	6-2	252	5	1/18/53	Virginia Union
1	Septien, Rafael	K	5-9	171	3	12/12/53	Southwest Louisiana
65	Stalls, Dave	DT-DE	6-4	245	3	9/19/55	Northern Colorado
12	Staubach, Roger	QB	6-3	202	11	2/5/42	Navy
82	Steele, Robert	WR	6-4	196	2	8/2/56	North Alabama
32	Thurman, Dennis	CB	5-11	170	2	4/13/56	Southern California
46	Washington, Mark	CB	5-11	187	10	12/25/47	Morgan State
41	Waters, Charlie	S	6-2	200	10	9/10/48	Clemson
11	White, Danny	QB-P	6-2	192	4	2/9/52	Arizona State
54	White, Randy	DT	6-4	250	5	1/15/53	Maryland
70	Wright, Rayfield	T	6-6	260	13	8/23/45	Fort Valley State

### DRAFT CHOICES

Choice	Name	No. Selected	Pos.	College
1.	SHAW, Robert	27	C	Tennessee
2.	MITCHELL, Aaron	55	DB	Nevada-Las Vegas
3.	COBBIE, Doug	76	TE	Santa Clara
	from Seattle			
	Choice to San Francisco through Seattle			
4.	DE LOACH, Ralph	109	DE	California
5.	HUKILL, Bob	121	G	North Carolina
	from Chicago			
	ANDERSEN, Curtis	128	DE	Central State, O.
	from Seattle			
	SPRINGS, Ron	136	RB	Ohio State
6.	LAVENDER, Tim	155	DB	Southern California
	from Seattle			
	SALZANO, Mike	160	G	North Carolina
	from Denver			
	DE FRANCE, Chris	164	WR	Arizona State
7.	FITZPATRICK, Greg	191	LB	Youngstown
8.	THORNTON, Bruce	219	DT	Illinois
9.	COBB, Garry	247	LB	Southern California
10.	CALHOUN, Mike	274	DT	Notre Dame
11.	Choice to Detroit			
12.	LOWRY, Quentin	329	LB	Youngstown



# PHILADELPHIA EAGLES

## NATIONAL FOOTBALL CONFERENCE EASTERN DIVISION

**W**hen Dick Vermeil became the Eagles' coach three years ago, he knew it wouldn't be easy to turn a perennial loser into a winner.

The franchise was shorn of high draft choices from previous questionable trades and there was a losing attitude among the players. Vermeil, a motivating type, promised only hard work and he didn't set any timetable as to when (or if) the Eagles would be respectable again.

After predictable low finishes in 1976 (4-10) and 1977 (5-9), Vermeil, with his collection of low draft choices, free agents and few legitimate stars, produced a winning team in Philadelphia for the first time since 1966—one that made the playoffs only to be edged by Atlanta, 14-13.

The Eagles' 9-7 record last season may not indicate that the team is ready to challenge the NFL's elite but it was a positive turnaround that deservedly rewarded the enthusiastic Vermeil with NFC Coach of the Year honors.

"It won't be easy to go 9-7 again," Vermeil says. "I'm not looking for excuses for losing, it's just that I'm very much aware of what it takes to win in the league and we're not there yet. But we're going in the right direction."

Even though the Eagles have an improving quarterback in Ron Jaworski; a Pro Bowl receiver in Harold Carmichael and a productive tailback in Wilbert Montgomery, the prime objective in 1979 is to score more points. The defense was respectable in '78, allowing an average of 15.6 points a game.

But the Eagles scored 20 or more points in only four games last season and Vermeil says that if the 20 figure is reached more often, his team can win 11 or 12 games. If not, he says it'll be struggling to win five or six.

### OFFENSE

**Quarterback**—Ron Jaworski, the very visible Polish Rifle, seemingly is on the verge of becoming one of the league's best quarterbacks. A strong-armed thrower (hence the Rifle nickname), he used better judgment last season and was intercepted only 16 times in 16 games after having 16 passes picked off in the first half of the 1977 season. The ex-Ram also threw 16 TD passes and with better protection (he was sacked 41 times in '78), he'll be better, Vermeil predicts. The backup, John Walton, is another rifle-like thrower. But he's one of six Eagles who are free agents.

**Running backs**—Wilbert Montgomery is not a name that you immediately associate with great running backs but the 5-10, 195-pound 3-year veteran knocked a famous name—Steve Van Buren—out of the Eagle record book by rushing for 1220 yards while scoring nine touchdowns. Vermeil expects the same from Montgomery in 1979. Fullback Mike Hogan is a sturdy blocker and

good inside runner. Vermeil wants his running backs to improve their skills as pass receivers, even though Montgomery and Hogan caught 34 and 31 passes, respectively, in 1978. Others are Jimmy Betterson and Herb Lusk coming back from knee and ankle injuries.

**Receivers**—Harold Carmichael's eighth NFL season was one of his best as the 6-8 athlete caught 55 passes (eight for touchdowns) and led all NFC receivers in yardage (1072) and average per catch (19.5). He goes into the season with a string of 96 consecutive games in which he has caught passes, nine shy of the all-time NFL record of 105 set by Danny Abramowicz. But Carmichael needs more support at the other wide receiving stations. Charley Smith was in and out of the lineup with leg injuries and caught only 11 passes in '78. Second-year pro Oren Middlebrook must be more consistent and Wally Henry is making a comeback from a broken leg. The tight end is dependable Keith Kreple, who caught 26 passes (three for TDs) before missing the final six games with a fractured rib.

**Offensive line**—During the many losing seasons, this was a problem area. Now once

young talent have matured, such as tackle Stan Walters, who made the Pro Bowl last season. Vermeil rates the other tackle, Jerry Sisemore, as only a shade behind Walters in ability. The guards are Wade Key and ex-49er Woody Peoples, established vets. Center Guy Morriss had one of his best seasons in 1978 but he may be pushed by Dennis Franks. Others who may contribute are ex-Lion Jim Yarbrough and Tommy Luken.

### DEFENSE

**Front three**—The Eagles are committed to the 3-4 alignment that had been effective in recent years and Vermeil is hopeful that the acquisition of former all-pro Claude Humphrey from Atlanta will improve the pass rush. The Eagles sack production dropped off from a club record 47 in '77 to 29 in '78. Carl Hairston is a good young end with Pro Bowl potential. He's an adept run defender like middleguard Charlie Johnson. Both need to improve on pass rushing techniques. Big Dennis Harrison (6-8, 275) was impressive at times as a rookie last year. Others are veteran Manny Sistrunk, Kenny Clarke and Lem Burnham.

**Linebackers**—Bill Bergey led the team in



No. 17—Harold Carmichael



No. 78—Carl Hairston



No. 66—Bill Bergey

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tackles, played in his fourth Pro Bowl and made some all-pro teams. An 11-year veter-



HC—Dick Vermeil

an, Bergey seemingly is at the peak of his career. Frank LeMaster played alongside Bergey on the inside and was particularly effective at the end of the season. Young Reggie Wilkes and Ray Phillips finished the season as starting outside backers, moving in for John Bunting (injury) and Drew Mahalic (illness). Others are Terry Tautolo, one of several ex-UCLA players on the team and Mike Osborn.

Secondary—Randy Logan is the strong safety leader of a secondary that was generally tough in stopping the run but ranked 14th—and last—in pass defense in the NFC despite 28 interceptions. Free safety John Sanders had five interceptions but Vermeil says he must improve in playing the run. The corners are young Herman Edwards, who led the team with seven interceptions, and 12-year veteran Bob Howard. John Sciarra, who was Vermeil's quarterback when he coached at UCLA, is a versatile athlete who may have found a home in the secondary. He was competing for a starting job last year before being injured.

#### SPECIAL TEAMS

The Eagles had problems in the kicking game. Mike Michel became the punter (35.8 average) in the seventh game and then had to take over Nick Mike-Mayer's field goal kicking duties when the placekicker fractured a rib with four regular season games left. Mike-Mayer had leg problems before the rib injury.

#### THE DRAFT

Vermeil is partial to UCLA players because of his association with the school both as an assistant and head coach. Therefore, it was not surprising when the Eagles picked line-backer Jerry Robinson, a three-time All-American, on the first round.

The Eagles went for a virtually unknown player on round two—Peter Perot of Northeast Louisiana. Tony Franklin, the soccer-style field goal kicker from Texas A&M, was the third-round choice.

#### 1978 Season Results

##### PHILADELPHIA (9-7)

14	*Los Angeles	16
30	Washington	35
24	New Orleans	17
17	*Miami	3
17	Baltimore	14
14	New England	24
17	*Washington	10
7	Dallas	14
10	*St. Louis	16
10	*Green Bay	3
17	*N.Y. Jets	9
19	N.Y. Giants	17
14	St. Louis	10
27	Minnesota	28
13	*Dallas	31
20	*N.Y. Giants	3
270		250

\*Home game

## 1979 ROSTER

### VETERANS

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	NFL Exp.	Birth-date	College
38	Barnes, Larry	FB	5-11	220	3	7/17/54	Tennessee State
66	Bergey, Bill	LB	6-3	245	11	2/9/45	Arkansas State
34	Betterson, James	RB	6-0	210	3	8/20/54	North Carolina
25	Bryant, Bill	CB	5-11	195	4	1/15/51	Grambling
95	Bunting, John	LB	6-1	220	8	7/15/50	North Carolina
67	Burnham, Lem	DE	6-4	240	3	3/30/47	U.S. International
37	Campfield, Billy	RB	5-11	185	2	8/20/56	Kansas
17	Carmichael, Harold	WR	6-8	225	9	9/22/49	Southern
71	Clarke, Ken	MG	6-2	255	2	8/28/56	Syracuse
46	Edwards, Herman	S	6-0	194	3	4/27/54	San Diego State
30	Franklin, Cleveland	RB	6-2	216	3	4/24/55	Baylor
53	Franks, Dennis	C	6-1	245	4	5/29/53	Michigan
33	Giammona, Louie	RB-KR	5-9	180	3	3/3/53	Utah State
78	Hairston, Carl	DE	6-3	245	4	12/15/52	Maryland Eastern Shore
68	Harrison, Dennis	DE	6-8	275	2	7/31/56	Vanderbilt
89	Henry, Wally	WR	5-8	170	3	10/30/54	UCLA
35	Hogan, Mike	RB	6-2	215	4	11/1/54	Tennessee-Chattanooga
23	Howard, Bobby	CB	6-1	175	13	11/19/44	San Diego State
87	Humphrey, Claude	DE	6-5	265	12	6/29/44	Tennessee State
7	Jaworski, Ron	QB	6-2	195	6	3/23/51	Youngstown State
65	Johnson, Charlie	MG	6-3	262	3	1/17/52	Colorado
49	Johnson, Eric	S	6-1	192	3	7/23/52	Washington State
72	Key, Wade	G	6-5	245	10	10/14/46	Southwest Texas State
84	Krepfle, Keith	TE	6-3	225	5	2/4/52	Iowa State
88	Larson, Bill	TE	6-4	225	4	10/7/53	Colorado State
55	LeMaster, Frank	LB	6-2	231	6	3/12/52	Kentucky
41	Logan, Randy	S	6-1	195	7	5/1/51	Michigan
63	Luken, Tom	G	6-3	253	7	6/15/50	Purdue
32	Lusk, Herb	RB	6-0	190	4	2/19/53	Long Beach State
54	Mahalic, Drew	LB	6-4	225	5	5/22/53	Notre Dame
82	Mayes, Rufus	T	6-5	262	11	12/5/47	Ohio State
	McRae, Jerrold	WR	6-1	200	2	4/9/55	Tennessee State
2	Michel, Mike	P	5-10	177	3	8/4/54	Stanford
81	Middlebrook, Oren	WR	6-2	185	2	1/23/53	Arkansas State
1	Mike-Mayer, Nick	K	5-9	187	7	3/1/50	Temple
31	Montgomery, W.	RB	5-10	195	3	9/16/54	Abilene Christian
50	Morriss, Guy	C	6-4	255	7	5/13/51	Texas Christian
57	Osborn, Mike	LB	6-5	235	2	11/19/55	Kansas State

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	NFL Exp.	Birth-date	College
86	Osborne, Richard	TE	6-3	230	4	10/31/53	Texas A&M
83	Papale, Vince	WR	6-2	195	4	2/9/46	St. Joseph's, PA
69	Peoples, Woody	G	6-2	252	11	8/16/43	Grambling
52	Phillips, Ray	LB	6-4	217	3	3/18/54	Nebraska
26	Sanders, John	FS	6-1	175	5	1/11/51	South Dakota
21	Sciarra, John	FS	5-11	185	2	3/2/54	UCLA
76	Sisemore, Jerry	G-T	6-4	260	7	7/16/51	Texas
79	Sistrunk, Manny	DE	6-5	275	10	6/16/47	Arkansas AM&N
85	Smith, Charles	WR	6-1	185	6	7/26/50	Grambling
58	Tautolo, Terry	LB	6-2	235	4	8/30/54	UCLA
14	Wade, Sonny	QB	6-3	215	0	4/1/47	Emory & Henry
75	Walters, Stan	T	6-6	270	8	5/27/48	Syracuse
10	Walton, John	QB	6-2	210	5	10/4/47	Elizabeth City State
51	Wilkes, Reggie	LB	6-4	230	2	5/27/56	Georgia Tech
47	Williams, Charles	CB	6-1	180	2	9/14/53	Jackson State
77	Yarbrough, Jim	T	6-6	270	11	10/28/46	Florida

### DRAFT CHOICES

Choice	Name	No. Selected	Pos.	College
1.	ROBINSON, Jerry	21	LB	UCLA
2.	PEROT, Petey	48	G	N.W. Louisiana
3.	FRANKLIN, Tony	74	K	Texas A&M
4.	COWINS, Ben	94	RB	Arkansas
	from Washington			
	Choice to Atlanta			
5.	FITZKEE, Scott	126	WR	Penn State
	Choice to New York Giants			
7.	SWAFFORD, Don	178	T	Florida
	from Cleveland			
	BUNCHE, Curtis	185	DE	Albany State
8.	CORREAL, Chuck	196	C	Penn State
	from Buffalo			
	RUNAGER, Max	211	P	South Carolina
9.	Choice to Oakland			
10.	Choice to San Diego			
11.	CHESLEY, Al	296	LB	Pittsburgh
12.	Choice to Pittsburgh			

COACHES: DICK VERMEIL, Fred Bruney, Marion Campbell, Chuck Clausen, Dick Coury, George Hill, Ken Iman, Johnny Roland, Lynn Stiles.



# ST. LOUIS CARDINALS

## NATIONAL FOOTBALL CONFERENCE EASTERN DIVISION

**W**hen Bill Bidwill, owner of the St. Louis Cardinals, reached into yesterday to hire Bud Wilkinson as coach, many people in pro football were skeptical about the wisdom of such a choice.

Sure, Wilkinson was a college football coaching legend at Oklahoma but, despite his credentials, could a 63-year-old man who had been away from the game for 15 years and had never coached in the NFL be able to relate to a new generation?

When the Cardinals lost their first eight games in 1978, it seemed the skeptics might be right. But even while losing and incurring injuries, Wilkinson in his quiet, efficient manner was building a solid base.

This was evident the second half of the season when the Big Red went 6-2—a record matched only by Dallas in the NFC.

"He (Wilkinson) kept us together," said veteran quarterback Jim Hart. "He was always positive. I think people expected us to fall apart when we kept losing, but we didn't and Bud was the major factor. It was easy to play for him."

The easy going (on the surface) Wilkinson is now optimistic that the Cardinals can be a playoff contender despite a schedule that includes two games with Dallas and meetings with five playoff teams—Super Bowl champion Pittsburgh, Los Angeles, Minnesota, Houston and Philadelphia (twice).

The Cardinals' top priority was to improve their running game, which was 25th rated in the NFL. This may have been accomplished in the draft when Otis Anderson of Miami (Florida) (considered the best runner available by scouts) and UCLA's Theotis (Big Foot) Brown were chosen on the first two rounds.

### OFFENSE

**Quarterbacks**—Wilkinson says that Hart, now in his 14th season, is in his prime and this can't be disputed, based on what the veteran quarterback did last season. The fourtime Pro Bowler, named club MVP, set Cardinal records for most passes attempted (476) and completed (240). Now that Fran Tarkenton has retired, no active NFL quarterback, has completed more passes for more yards than Hart. Steve Pisarkiewicz, St. Louis' No. 1 choice in 1977, is a promising backup along with free-agent Mark Manges. In his only start in two seasons, Zark completed 10 of 27 passes for a 164 yards in a 23-10 loss to the New York Jets.

**Running backs**—The Cards missed the breakaway threat posed by Terry Metcalf, who played out his option to play in Canada. Jim Otis and Wayne Morris, fullback types, were the leading rushers last season with 664 and 631 yards—paltry considering the 16-game schedule. Steve Jones, another fullback type, contributed 392. Anderson and Brown, a big back with speed, are expected to put some zest in the Big Red running game.

**Receivers**—The Cards apparently are set at wide receiver. Mel Gray, a feared deep threat, caught 44 passes for 871 yards despite missing the final three games with an ankle injury. Gray, a 9-year veteran, is averaging better than 20 yards per catch for his career. On the other side is Pat Tilley, a small receiver like Gray. Tilley caught 62 passes for 900 yards, fourth best in the NFC. Dave Stief was a productive rookie with 24 receptions for 477 yards.

Tight end was a hard-luck position for the Cards and contributed to the ineffectiveness of the offense. J.V. Cain tore an Achilles tendon in training camp and was out for the season. His backup, George Amundson, hurt his knee during the summer and missed the season. With Cain and Amundson out, Al

Chandler and Eason Ramson filled in, catching 39 passes between them. Cain is expected back despite the severity of his injury.

**Offensive line**—This has long been a strong suit of the Cardinals. Tackle Dan Dierdorf is an all-pro and center Tom Banks and guard Bob Young were NFC starters in the Pro Bowl. Tackle Keith Wortman may join his more famous teammates in the Pro Bowl next January. Newest member of the offensive front is Terry Stieve, who replaced the traded Conrad Dobler at right guard last year. Backups contending for starting positions are center Tom Brahaney and guards Tom Mullen and George Collins.

### DEFENSE

Front four—Wilkinson expects continued



No. 17—Jim Hart

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improvement from a defense that was rated 13th overall in the NFL—19th against the run and seventh against the pass. The Cards joined the 3-4 club last year and Mike Dawson, the No. 1 draft choice in 1976, emerged as the starting nose tackle when Charlie Davis was injured in the opening game. Dawson responded with a team-leading nine sacks and 94 tackles. Davis will challenge as a starter again. The defensive ends, Bob Pollard (103 tackles) and John Zook, the former Atlanta star rusher, performed commendably. Also available are former starters Bob Bell, Ron Yankowski, Keith Simons and Jack Williams.

**Linebackers**—The Big Red's defense improved in '78 with the improved physical condition of the inside linebackers. Eric Williams missed most of the first six games

with an elbow injury. Tim Kearney had leg problems and backup Kurt Allerman was sidelined with a foot injury. With this trio out, teams ran inside effectively on St. Louis but not at the end of the season when they were healthy. The outside backers, Mark Arneson and Steve Neils, were consistent and started the 16 regular season games. John Barefield, a second-round choice in '78, is expected to help on the outside.

**Secondary**—Roger Wehrli, considered to be one of the best cornerbacks in the league (if not the best), sets the tone for the Cards' strong secondary. Rival teams don't often throw on Wehrli, an 11-year veteran. He teams with Carl Allen, a 3-year pro, who had six interceptions in '78. Lee Nelson and Perry Smith are experienced backups at corner. There is depth at the safety positions, too. Despite injuries, free safety Ken Stone led the NFC with nine interceptions. Ken Greene, a first-round draft choice last year, was the starting strong safety and could be an outstanding player. Doug Greene is another promising safety.

#### SPECIAL TEAMS

Jim Bakken, the Cardinals' 17-year veteran, has retired. So the placekicking job may be entrusted to Steve Little, the former long distance kicker from Arkansas, and the Cards' top draft choice in '78. Little was the team's punter and kickoff man at the start of the season before injuring his leg in the eighth game. Mike Wood was a punter for eight games, averaging 37.6 yards. Both Lit-

tle and Wood can handle all three kicking assignments.

#### THE DRAFT

The Cardinals, always conscious of the need to keep the running game at a high level in order to make Hart's passing more effective, went for three highly regarded running backs in the first six rounds. With no first-round choice, the Big Red took Ottis Anderson and Brown on the second round, and Wilkinson may have shown a once-removed provincialism by selecting Thomas Lott of Oklahoma on round six. He was a college quarterback who also has a shot as a ball packer in St. Louis.



HC—Bud Wilkinson

#### 1978 Season Results

##### ST. LOUIS (6-10)

10	Chicago	17
6	*New England	16
10	*Washington	28
12	Dallas	21
10	Miami	24
17	*Baltimore	30
21	*Dallas**	24
10	N.Y. Jets	23
16	Philadelphia	10
20	*N.Y. Giants	10
16	San Francisco	10
27	Washington	17
10	*Philadelphia	14
21	*Detroit	14
0	N.Y. Giants	17
42	*Atlanta	21
248		296

\*Home game \*\*Overtime

## 1979 ROSTER

### VETERANS

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	NFL Exp.	Birth-date	College
27	Allen, Carl	CB	6-0	186	3	12/21/55	Southern Mississippi
50	Allerman, Kurt	LB	6-3	222	3	8/30/55	Penn State
89	Amundson, George	TE	6-3	230	4	3/31/51	Iowa State
57	Arneson, Mark	LB	6-2	224	8	9/9/49	Arizona
54	Banks, Tom	C-G	6-2	245	8	8/20/48	Auburn
58	Barefield, John	LB	6-2	224	2	3/23/55	Texas A & I
20	Bell, Gordon	RB	5-9	180	4	12/25/53	Michigan
51	Brahamney, Tom	C	6-2	246	7	10/23/51	Oklahoma
88	Cain, J.V.	TE	6-4	221	5	7/22/51	Colorado
87	Chandler, Al	TE	6-3	229	6	11/18/50	Oklahoma
86	Childs, Jim	WR	6-2	194	2	8/9/56	Cal Poly-SLO
66	Collins, George	G	6-2	248	2	12/9/55	Georgia
76	Davis, Charlie	DT	6-2	275	5	11/17/51	Texas Christian
73	Dawson, Mike	DT	6-4	274	4	10/16/53	Arizona
72	Dierdorf, Dan	T	6-3	288	9	6/29/49	Michigan
54	Elrod, Jimbo	LB	6-0	223	4	5/15/54	Oklahoma
29	Farmer, Ted	RB	5-11	175	2	9/8/53	Oregon
28	Giblin, Robert	S	6-1	205	4	11/18/52	Houston
85	Gray, Mel	WR	5-9	173	9	9/28/48	Missouri
40	Greene, Doug	S	6-2	205	2	2/10/56	Texas A & I
37	Greene, Ken	S	6-3	203	2	5/8/56	Washington State
39	Harrell, Willard	RB	5-8	182	5	9/16/52	Pacific
17	Hart, Jim	QB	6-1	210	14	4/29/44	Southern Illinois
34	Jones, Steve	RB	6-0	198	7	3/6/51	Duke
56	Kearney, Tim	LB	6-2	221	8	10/5/50	Northern Michigan
12	Little, Steve	K-P	6-0	180	2	2/19/56	Arkansas
18	Manges, Mark	QB	6-2	210	2	1/10/56	Maryland
24	Morris, Wayne	RB	6-0	208	4	5/3/54	Southern Methodist
65	Mullen, Tom	G	6-3	245	6	11/30/51	S.W. Missouri State
53	Neils, Steve	LB	6-2	218	6	5/2/51	Minnesota
38	Nelson, Lee	CB	5-10	185	4	1/30/54	Florida State
35	Otis, Jim	RB	6-0	220	10	4/29/48	Ohio State
15	Pisarkiewicz, Steve	QB	6-2	205	3	11/10/53	Missouri
82	Pollard, Bob	DE	6-3	251	9	12/30/48	Weber State
80	Ramson, Eason	TE	6-2	220	2	4/30/56	Washington State
70	Simons, Keith	DT	6-3	254	4	4/26/54	Minnesota

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	NFL Exp.	Birth-date	College
45	Smith, Perry	CB	6-0	190	7	3/29/51	Colorado State
84	Stief, Dave	WR	6-3	195	2	1/29/56	Portland State
68	Stieve, Terry	G	6-2	245	4	3/10/54	Wisconsin
23	Stone, Ken	S	6-1	180	7	9/14/50	Vanderbilt
83	Tilley, Pat	WR	5-10	171	4	2/15/53	Louisiana Tech
22	Wehrli, Roger	CB	6-0	193	11	11/26/47	Missouri
55	Williams, Eric	LB	6-2	225	3	6/17/55	Southern California
19	Wood, Mike	P-K	5-11	199	2	9/3/54	S.E. Missouri State
44	Woolsey, Rolly	S	6-1	182	4	8/11/53	Boise State
62	Wortman, Keith	G	6-2	275	8	7/20/50	Nebraska
78	Yankowski, Ron	DE	6-5	258	9	10/23/46	Kansas State
64	Young, Bob	G	6-1	279	14	9/3/42	Howard Payne
63	Zook, John	DE	6-5	254	11	9/24/47	Kansas

### DRAFT CHOICES

Choice	Name	No. Selected	Pos.	College
1.	ANDERSON, Ottis	8	RB	Miami
2.	BROWN, Theotis	35	RB	UCLA
	FAVRON, Calvin	46	LB	S.E. Louisiana
	from Oakland			
3.	BOSTIC, Joe	64	T	Clemson
4.	GREEN, Roy	89	DB	Henderson State
5.	HENRY, Steve	118	DB	Emporia State
	BELL, Mark R.	130	WR	Colorado State
	from Oakland			
6.	LOTT, Thomas	144	RB	Oklahoma
7.	GIBSON, Kirk	173	WR	Michigan State
8.	MILLER, Larry	199	LB	Brigham Young
9.	ROZIER, Bob	228	DE	California
10.	HOLLOWAY, Jerry	255	TE	Western Illinois
11.	HENDERSON, Nate	283	T	Florida State
12.	MC BRIDE, Ricky	309	LB	Georgia

**COACHES:** BUD WILKINSON, Tom Bettis, Rudy Feldman, Harry Gilmer, Fred Glick, Leon McLaughlin, Duane Putnam, Jim Sweeney, Jerry Thompson.





# WASHINGTON REDSKINS

## NATIONAL FOOTBALL CONFERENCE EASTERN DIVISION

**W**hen George Allen coached the Redskins, he treated draft choices like confetti, trading them for aging veterans, who were known fondly as the "Over-the-Hill Gang."

Allen's unorthodox practices, nevertheless, were rewarding as the Redskins managed to make the playoffs for most of the coach's seven-year tenure.

Jack Pardee, who left Chicago to become Washington's coach, seemingly had the oldsters on the right track last season when they won their first six games. But, alas, they lost their last six and wound up an undistinguished 8-8.

Now Pardee and general manager Bobby Beathard concede that the 'Skins are a team in transition and it probably will be a few years before they're contenders again.

The Redskins won't have a full draft until 1980. They probably didn't get much help out of the last draft, making their first pick in the fourth round.

Pardee also is breaking up the "Over-the-Hill-Gang." Billy Kilmer, a 40-year-old George Allen product at quarterback, has been released. Ron McDole, the 39-year-old defensive end, didn't get a qualifying offer from the club after playing out his option.

The youth movement was further emphasized last spring when the 'Skins released Chris Hanburger, the former all-pro linebacker. Hanburger, who is a 14-year veteran, will be 38 when the 1979 season begins.

"It was a most difficult decision to release someone like Chris, whom I respect and admire," Pardee said.

Injuries contributed to the Redskins' demise in 1978 but, even at full strength, the team has too many holes to challenge for a division title.

"People have to realize it's not an overnight job," Beathard says. "I knew that when I took the job and I'm not discouraged. We're certainly not in the position

of an expansion team. We still have a good nucleus of talent and I still think we can be competitive." Maybe.

### OFFENSE

**Quarterbacks**—Joe Theismann, in his first full season as a starter, had a roller coaster year. He could look very good on occasions and then have some awful days. He also took a fearful pounding, finishing the season with a slightly separated shoulder, a gimpy knee and bruises all over his body. He completed only 47.9% of his passes and was the NFC's eighth-ranked quarterback. But Theismann will be cranking up this season without the menacing shadow of Billy Kilmer, now the 'Skins quarterback of the past. Kim McQuilken, a journeyman acquired on waivers last year, will be a backup.

**Running backs**—Although John Riggins, bothered by injuries in other years, had a

1000-yard season, the 'Skins running game was ranked 22nd in the NFL. Mike Thomas, effective in other seasons, played injured (534 yards, 3.3 average), played out his option and was dispatched to San Diego. The scrambling Theismann was the club's third-leading rusher. Tony Green, the NFC's number two punt runner (10.5 average), may be used more as a rusher this season. Green, Clarence Harmon, Benny Malone and Ike Forte didn't contribute much to the running game in '78.

**Receivers**—Danny Buggs was one of several Redskins to miss two or more games because of injuries. He caught 36 passes for 575 yards while John McDaniel and Ricky Thompson, the other wide receivers, had 34 and 23 receptions. Jean Fugett, a proven tight end, was also one of the wounded. But he still held 25 passes for 367 yards and seven touchdowns.



No. 72—Diron Talbert



No. 7—Joe Theismann

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Offensive line—Theismann was sacked 42 times last year and didn't get much protection from an offensive line that, when healthy, is only average. However, tackles George Starke, and Jim Harlan and guards Ron Saul and Fred Dean were all injured from time to time.

#### DEFENSE

Front four—Another injury-plagued position. Bill Brundige, the veteran tackle, was sidelined for the season with a foot injury. Another vet, tackle Diron Talbert, missed four games. Tackle Dave Butz was healthy, however, and led the linemen in tackles. He was named the club's defensive player of the year. The outside rushers are Coy Bacon and Karl Lorch, who are in their 12th and

fourth seasons, respectively. Bacon had a team-leading 12 sacks. The 'Skins didn't have much success defending against the rush, winding up 24th in the rankings.

Linebackers—With Hanburger gone, the only oldsters left in the linebacking corps are middle backers Harold McClinton, 32, and Mike Curtis, 36. Pete Wysocki, a 4-year pro, is expected to take Hanburger's place at one outside station. Brad Dusek, 29, who led the 'Skins in tackles for the second consecutive year, is the other outside backer. Reserves are Dallas Hickman and Don Hover.

Secondary—In recent years this has been one of the Redskins' strongest units. And the secondary performed commendably last year even though cornerback Lemar Parrish suffered a broken arm and missed six games. Strong safety Ken Houston, one of the league's best defenders, was a Pro Bowl performer for the 11th consecutive season, tops among active players. He and Jake Scott, last year's free safety, are among the top active interceptors (48 and 49) in the NFL and are closing in on the top 10 all-time list. Joe Lavender is the other cornerback while Gerald Williams filled in for Parrish last year.

#### SPECIAL TEAMS

Mark Moseley, the veteran placekicker, has made 30 consecutive extra points and 49 out of the last 50. He was successful on 19 of 30 field goals in '78. Mike Bragg was called upon to punt 104 times last year and had a 39.4 average. Tony Green, one of two rookies to make the squad last season, was

an effective kickoff return specialist—25.6 average—as well as a skilled punt runner.

#### THE DRAFT

In the draft, the Redskins had only two of their own choices left, the ninth and eleventh. But they had traded for three selections, giving them a grand total of five positions in the 12-round action. On the fourth round, they came up with a tight end, Don Warren of San Diego State. In the later rounds, two wide receivers and two linebackers completed their meager collegiate investments for the year.

#### 1978 Season Results

##### WASHINGTON (8-8)

16	New England	14
35	*Philadelphia	30
28	St. Louis	10
23	*N.Y. Jets	3
9	*Dallas	5
21	Detroit	19
10	Philadelphia	17
6	N.Y. Giants	17
38	*San Francisco	20
17	Baltimore	21
16	*N.Y. Giants**	13
17	*St. Louis	27
10	Dallas	37
0	*Miami	16
17	Atlanta	20
10	*Chicago	14
273		283

\*Home game \*\*Overtime

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No. 44—John Riggins

## 1979 ROSTER

### VETERANS

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	NFL Exp.	Birth-date	College
81	Anderson, Terry	WR	5-9	182	3	1/10/55	Bethune-Cookman
79	Bacon, Coy	DE	6-4	265	12	8/30/43	Jackson State
4	Bragg, Mike	P	5-11	186	12	9/26/46	Richmond
69	Brooks, Perry	DT	6-3	260	2	12/4/54	Southern
88	Buggs, Danny	WR	6-2	185	5	4/22/53	West Virginia
65	Butz, Dave	DT	6-7	285	7	6/23/50	Purdue
32	Carter, Louis	RB	5-11	210	5	2/6/53	Maryland
32	Curtis, Mike	LB	6-2	232	15	3/27/43	Duke
63	Dean, Fred	G	6-3	253	3	2/30/55	Texas Southern
59	Dusek, Brad	LB	6-2	214	6	12/13/50	Texas A & M
30	Forte, Ike	RB	6-0	196	4	3/8/54	Arkansas
66	Fritsch, Ted	C-G	6-2	242	8	8/26/50	St. Norbert
84	Fugett, Jean	TE	6-4	230	8	12/16/51	Amherst
36	Geddes, Ken	LB	6-3	235	9	9/27/47	Nebraska
76	Gibbons, Mike	T-G	6-4	262	3	1/23/51	Southwest Oklahoma St.
34	Green, Tony	RB	5-9	185	2	9/29/56	Florida
68	Harlan, Jim	T	6-4	250	2	6/14/54	Howard Payne
38	Harmon, Clarence	FB	5-11	190	3	11/30/55	Mississippi State
26	Harris, Don	SS	6-2	185	2	2/8/54	Rutgers
89	Haynes, Reggie	TE	6-2	229	2	9/15/54	Nevada-Las Vegas
75	Hermeling, Terry	T	6-5	255	10	4/25/46	Nevada-Reno
82	Hickman, Dallas	LB-DE	6-6	235	4	12/16/52	California-Berkeley
27	Houston, Ken	SS	6-3	198	13	11/12/44	Prairie View
58	Hover, Don	LB	6-2	222	2	12/13/54	Washington State
77	Jones, Joe	DE	6-6	250	9	1/7/48	Tennessee State
54	Kuziel, Bob	C	6-5	255	5	7/24/50	Pittsburgh
20	Lavender, Joe	CB	6-4	190	7	2/10/49	San Diego State
71	Lorch, Karl	DE	6-3	258	4	6/14/50	Southern California
25	Malone, Benny	RB	5-10	193	6	2/3/52	Arizona State
86	McDaniel, John	WR	6-1	197	6	9/23/51	Lincoln
53	McClinton, Harold	LB	6-2	235	11	7/1/47	Southern
11	McQuilken, Kim	QB	6-3	203	6	2/26/51	Lehigh
3	Moseley, Mark	K	6-0	205	8	3/12/48	Stephen F. Austin
29	Murphy, Mark	FS	6-4	210	3	7/13/55	Colgate
62	Nugent, Dan	G	6-3	250	4	8/22/53	Auburn
24	Parrish, Lemar	CB	5-10	183	10	12/13/47	Lincoln
44	Riggins, John	FB	6-2	230	9	8/4/49	Kansas

COACHES: JACK PARDEE, Bob Bowser, Ray Callahan, George Dickson, John Hilton, Fred O'Connor, Richie Petitbon, Doc Ulrich, Joe Walton.

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	NFL Exp.	Birth-date	College
64	Saul, Ron	G	6-3	254	10	2/5/48	Michigan State
74	Starke, George	T	6-5	250	7	7/18/48	Columbia
72	Talbert, Diron	DT	6-5	255	13	7/1/44	Texas
40	Testerman, Don	FB	6-2	230	3	11/7/52	Clemson
7	Theismann, Joe	QB	6-0	190	6	9/9/49	Notre Dame
83	Thompson, Ricky	WR	6-0	170	4	5/15/54	Baylor
45	Williams, Gerard	CB	6-1	184	4	2/25/52	Langston
73	Williams, Jeff	T	6-4	255	2	4/15/55	Rhode Island
50	Wysocki, Pete	LB	6-1	224	4	7/6/48	Western Michigan

### DRAFT CHOICES

Choice	Name	No. Selected	Pos.	College
1.	Choice to Cincinnati			
2.	Choice to Oakland through St. Louis			
3.	Choice to Baltimore through Houston			
4.	Choice to Philadelphia			
	WARREN, Don	103	TE	San Diego State
	from Oakland through Green Bay			
5.	Choice to Cleveland			
6.	Choice to Baltimore			
7.	Choice to New England			
	MILOT, Rich	182	LB	Penn State
	from Seattle			
8.	Choice to Miami			
9.	HAINES, Kris	233	WR	Notre Dame
10.	Choice to Kansas City			
11.	COLEMAN, Monte	289	LB	Arkansas Central
	HALL, Tony	300	WR	Knoxville
	from New England			
12.	Choice to Cleveland			



# NEW YORK GIANTS

NATIONAL FOOTBALL CONFERENCE  
EASTERN DIVISION

The Maras, Wellington and his nephew, Tim, apparently are through feuding and out of it all has come a new general manager, George Young, and a new coach, Ray Perkins.

But it could be the same old Giants if they don't find a quarterback to lead them out of their losing rut—only one winning season since 1971.

Incumbents Joe Pisarcik, Jerry Golsteyn and Randy Dean don't seem adequate and the Giants' first draft choice, Phil Simms of Morehead State, is only a small college sleeper.

Now the Giants weren't all that bad last year. They finished 6-10 and club officials and apologists in the media point out that if New York had reversed four losses to Atlanta, Philadelphia, Washington and Los Angeles—by a total of only 11 points—the Giants would have been in the playoffs.

Such theoretical nonsense is filed away in the Wishful Thinking cabinet. However, the Giants should have beaten the Eagles, holding a 17-12 lead with 31 seconds left. That's the now infamous game in which assistant coach Bob Gibson sent in a running play, Pisarcik couldn't control the snap and the Eagles ran the loose ball in for a game-winning touchdown. Gibson was fired next day.

But fourth quarter collapses were commonplace for the Giants who allowed 108 points in this period in 16 games as compared to 37 for the third quarter.

The new football administration team comes to the Giants with outstanding credentials—Young as a player personnel expert with Miami and Baltimore and Perkins as an offensive specialist with New England and San Diego.

But it seems the Giants have a way of bringing new administrative talent down to their own level. Or have you forgotten the former, recent coaches, John McVay and Bill Arnsparger?

## OFFENSE

Quarterbacks—Pisarcik, as the Giants' regular QB, had inadequate statistics—completing 47.5% of his passes while being intercepted 23 times. Golsteyn won the starting assignment at the outset of the 1977 and '78 seasons but went down with injuries and forfeited the job to Pisarcik. Dean, a scrambling type, was the starter in the last two games last season and was a winner in one of them, a 17-0 victory over St. Louis. Simms has the size, 6-2, 215, and a strong arm. But he's only on the Giant roster because Washington State's Jack Thompson wasn't available when New York drafted Cincinnati got there first.

Running backs—The running game improved some in '78 but more improvement is needed. For example, Doug Kotar, not particularly fast, led the team with 625 yards, which ranked him 36th among NFL rushers. Bob Hammond, who is faster, had

554 yards. But he missed several games with injuries. Two rookies, Dan Doornink and Billy Taylor, showed some potential, but they were injured, too. Larry Csonka, once a great runner with Miami, wasn't utilized much. Zonk now is back at Miami for a final fling before retirement.

Receivers—Jimmy Robinson and Johnny Perkins are contrasts as starting wide receivers. Robinson is only 5-9 and 170 and isn't fast. But he gets open. Perkins, 6-2, 205, has 4.5 speed. Each caught 32 passes last year and probably would have caught more had the quarterbacks been more proficient. The reserves are Emery Moorehead, who missed most of the season following knee surgery; James Thompson, Brian DeRoo and rookie Ernest Gray of Memphis State. The tight end job is wide open. Al Dixon has the size at 6-5 and 225 pounds and pass-catching ability but he was benched in favor of Gary Shirk, considered a better blocker but only an average receiver. James Thaxton, a free agent, signed at the end of the season, may be in contention along with Cleveland Jackson, a fifth-round choice from Nevada Las Vegas.

Offensive line—There's some potential to this unit. Center Jim Clack, acquired from Pittsburgh, and guard J.T. Turner, had good seasons. Tackle Ron Mihalajczyk, a 275-pounder, proved himself through eight games before tearing up his knee. Gordon King, the No. 1 draft choice from Stanford, moved in, played well and then hurt his ankle and missed the last five games. Brad Benson, a first-year man, filled in for King and held his own. Veterans Doug Van Horn (13 years) and Gordon Gravelle (eight) started every game as the left side guard and tackle.

## DEFENSE

Front four—The Giants were respectable defensively in '77, finishing eighth overall and third against the rush in the NFC. But they were 14th in both departments in '78 with the total number of sacks dropping off from 37 to 29.

One of the reasons advanced for this lapse is the broken foot suffered by tackle Troy Archer. A potential all-pro, he didn't get to play until the second half of the season. The Giants used a lot of 3-4 alignments to compensate for his absence and weren't effective with them. End George Martin had a good year, though, with 10 sacks. End Jack Gregory might be slowing down a bit in his 13th season. Tackle John Mendenhall wasn't consistent, while the other tackle, Gary Jeter, may be better suited as an outside rusher. The Giants play better under the 4-3 system.

Linebackers—This has been the club's best defensive unit the past few seasons. Outside backer Brad Van Pelt and middle man Harry Carson are Pro Bowlers. Brian Kelley is a tough, tenacious veteran. He returned a blocked field goal 72 yards against

Atlanta, lateraling to George Martin at the end of the run. Key reserve is Dan (Space-man) Lloyd. A formidable group.

Secondary—An improving unit, one that ranked 12th in the NFC in pass defense in 1978 before moving up to eighth in '79. Interception total improved from 12 to 21.



No. 9—Joe Pisarcik



HC—Ray Perkins



Three new starters—rookie cornerback Terry Jackson and safeties Ernie Jones and Beasley Reece—contributed to this improvement. Jackson led the club in interceptions with seven and played good run support. Reece was a solid hitter at strong safety before he broke a leg in the eighth game. Rookie Odis McKinney was a good fill-in. The other starter, cornerback Ray Rhodes, was dependable.

#### SPECIAL TEAMS

Dave Jennings had his best season as a punter. He had a 42.1 average (no blocks) and was a Pro Bowler. Placekicker Joe Dane- lo also had an outstanding season. He made

21 of 29 field goals including 7 of 9 from the 40-yard line or beyond. But the return game wasn't up to par as averages fell off for Bobby Hammond, Jimmy Robinson and Ernie Pough.

#### THE DRAFT

In the old days of the NFL draft, there were sleepers. But no more. The Giants shared full knowledge of the potential of first draft choice quarterback Phil Simms of Morehead State with some 20 other NFL teams who reportedly visited the small school campus. The Giants were among the many teams who showed strong interest in

Jack Thompson, who was picked by the Bengals, but maybe 19 others also regarded Simms as the alternate, if the desire was to pick a quarterback.

The Giants went on to grab six offensive players before taking their second defensive man. Apparently the thinking was that it would be easier to shore up a needy offense than to build against a late-game defensive lapse habit. To turn around that four-game, 11-point problem, they've decided simply to try to score more.



No. 44—Doug Kotar

#### 1978 Season Results NEW YORK GIANTS (6-10)

19	Tampa Bay	13
24	*Dallas	34
26	*Kansas City	10
27	*San Francisco	10
20	Atlanta	23
3	Dallas	24
17	*Tampa Bay	14
17	*Washington	6
17	New Orleans	28
10	St. Louis	20
13	Washington**	16
17	*Philadelphia	19
17	Buffalo	41
17	*Los Angeles	20
17	*St. Louis	0
3	Philadelphia	20
264		298

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### VETERANS

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	NFL Exp.	Birth-date	College
73	Bain, Bill	T	6-4	270	5	8/9/52	Southern California
60	Benson, Brad	C	6-3	258	2	11/25/55	Penn State
17	Besana, Fred	QB	6-4	205	2	3/9/53	California
53	Carson, Harry	LB	6-2	235	4	11/26/53	South Carolina State
56	Clack, Jim	C	6-3	250	9	10/26/47	Wake Forest
59	Coffield, Randy	LB	6-3	215	4	12/12/53	Florida State
18	Danelo, Joe	K	5-9	166	5	9/2/53	Washington State
15	Dean, Randy	QB	6-3	195	3	6/10/55	Northwestern
84	Dixon, Al	TE	6-5	220	3	4/5/54	Iowa State
35	Doornink, Dan	RB	6-3	210	2	2/1/56	Washington State
12	Golsteyn, Jerry	QB	6-4	210	3	8/6/54	Northern Illinois
71	Gravelle, Gordon	T	6-5	252	8	6/12/49	Brigham Young
81	Gregory, Jack	DE	6-5	250	13	10/3/44	Delta State
33	Hammond, Bob	RB	5-10	170	4	2/20/52	Morgan State
24	Jackson, Terry	CB	5-10	197	2	12/9/55	San Diego State
13	Jennings, Dave	P	6-4	205	6	6/8/52	St. Lawrence
70	Jeter, Gary	DT	6-4	260	3	1/24/55	Southern California
31	Jones, Ernie	S	6-3	180	4	1/3/53	Miami
20	Jones, Larry	WR	5-10	170	6	3/4/51	Northeast Missouri St.
55	Kelley, Brian	LB	6-3	222	7	9/1/51	California Lutheran
72	King, Gordon	T	6-6	275	2	2/3/56	Stanford
44	Kotar, Doug	RB	5-11	205	6	6/11/51	Kentucky
74	Krahl, Jim	DT	6-5	252	2	11/19/53	Texas Tech
78	Leavitt, Dick	T	6-3	280	3	8/6/53	Bowdoin
54	Lloyd, Dan	LB	6-2	225	4	11/9/53	Washington
34	Mallory, Larry	S	5-11	185	4	7/21/52	Tennessee State
51	Marion, Frank	LB	6-3	228	3	3/16/51	Florida A & M
75	Martin, George	DE	6-4	245	5	2/16/53	Oregon
36	Maxson, Alvin	RB	6-0	205	6	11/12/51	Southern Methodist
23	McKinney, Odis	CB	6-2	187	2	5/19/57	Colorado
64	Mendenhall, John	DT	6-1	255	8	12/3/48	Grambling
62	Mikolajczyk, Ron	T	6-3	275	4	6/2/50	Tampa
80	Moorehead, Emery	WR	6-2	210	3	3/22/54	Colorado
86	Perkins, Johnny	WR	6-2	205	3	4/21/53	Abilene Christian
76	Pietrzak, Jim	T-C	6-5	260	5	2/21/53	Eastern Michigan
9	Pisarcik, Joe	QB	6-4	220	3	7/2/52	New Mexico State
82	Pough, Ernie	WR	6-1	174	3	5/17/52	Texas Southern
28	Reece, Beasley	S	6-1	195	4	3/18/54	North Texas State

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	NFL Exp.	Birth-date	College
22	Rhodes, Ray	CB	5-11	185	6	10/20/50	Tulsa
85	Robinson, Jimmy	WR	5-9	170	4	1/3/53	Georgia Tech
87	Shirk, Gary	TE	6-1	220	4	2/23/50	Morehead State
57	Skorupan, John	LB	6-3	225	7	5/17/51	Penn State
27	Spencer, Willie	RB	6-4	235	4	1/28/53	No College
38	Taylor, Billy	RB	6-0	215	2	7/6/56	Texas Tech
89	Thompson, James	WR	6-0	178	2	1/9/53	Memphis State
52	Tierney, Leo	C	6-3	248	2	1/28/54	Georgia Tech
68	Turner, J.T.	G	6-3	250	3	4/17/53	Duke
25	Tyler, Maurice	S	6-1	194	8	7/19/50	Morgan State
63	Van Horn, Doug	T	6-3	245	13	6/24/44	Ohio State
10	Van Pelt, Brad	LB	6-5	235	7	4/5/51	Michigan State

#### DRAFT CHOICES

Choice	Name	No. Selected	Pos.	College
1.	SIMMS, Phil	7	QB	Morehead State
2.	GRAY, Ernest	36	WR	Memphis State
3.	Choice to Miami			
4.	TABOR, Phil	90	DE	Oklahoma
5.	JACKSON, Cleveland	117	TE	Nevada-Las Vegas
6.	TORREY, Bob	145	RB	Penn State
	HICKS, Eddie	158	RB	East Carolina
	from Philadelphia			
7.	ALVERS, Steve	172	TE	Miami
8.	PERRY, D.K.	200	DB	Southern Methodist
	SIMMONS, Roy	201	G	Georgia Tech
	from Detroit			
9.	RUSK, Tom	227	LB	Iowa
10.	FOWLER, Dan	256	G	Kentucky
11.	MINCE, Mike	282	DB	Fresno State
	JOHNSON, Ken	284	RB	Miami
	from Detroit			
12.	GILLESPIE, Tim	310	G	North Carolina State

COACHES: RAY PERKINS, Ernie Adams, Bill Belichick, Ralph Hawkins, Pat Hodgson, Bob Lord, Bill Parcells, Dick Scesniak, Jim Stanley, Jim Williams.



# GREEN BAY PACKERS

## NATIONAL FOOTBALL CONFERENCE CENTRAL DIVISION

**B**art Starr, a winner as quarterback of the NFL champion Green Bay Packers in the '60s, became one as a coach last year when the Pack tied Minnesota (8-7-1) for the Central Division title.

Prior to 1978, Starr had a disillusioning 13-29 record for three seasons but, during that period, the Packers were rebuilding with some "ready-to-play" draft choices. This accounts for Green Bay's first winning record since 1972.

Still, the Packers are a notch below the top NFL teams and this was evident in the latter part of the '78 season when they lost five of their last seven games (one tie) while competing against the league's better teams.

Green Bay improved in four offensive categories last year—points scored, touchdowns rushing and passing and average yards per game. Yet, the Packers were ranked only 24th offensively in the league.

Some Packers critics don't think that David Whitehurst, entering his third season and second as a starter, is a good enough quarterback to make Green Bay a title contender.

But Starr said he had no intention of drafting a quarterback on the first round and kept his word by selecting a running back, Eddie Lee Ivey of Georgia Tech.

The Packers have some good young players, such as defensive linemen Mike Butler and Ezra Johnson, halfback Terrell Middleton, wide receiver James Lofton, and linebackers Mike Hunt and John Anderson. But they're probably one or more good drafts away from really stepping up in class.

Green Bay can hold its own in the NFC Central, but that's about it.

### OFFENSE

**Quarterbacks**—Whitehurst had attributes that Starr likes—poise, leadership, courage and size (6-2, 205). It remains to be seen whether he has that certain flair that sets one quarterback apart from another. His statistics were only mediocre last year—51.2%, 2093 yards, 10 touchdowns and 17 interceptions. But the Pack will rise or fall with Whitehurst. Lynn Dickey, who hasn't played since November of 1977, had another knee operation in the off-season and his future is clouded. Whitehurst had surgery, too, but for a dislocated left shoulder (not his passing arm). The apparent No. 2 quarterback, Dennis Sproul, is making a comeback from knee surgery.

**Running backs**—Middleton, a third-round draft choice in 1977, had an unproductive rookie season. But he was one of the NFC's better runners in 1978 when he gained 1116 yards, scored 11 touchdowns (10 rushing) and showed his speed and durability with a 76-yard TD against Detroit and 39 carries against Minnesota. Fullback Barty Smith is a strong blocker but not fast enough to complement Middleton. So Starr selected two power runners with speed on the first two rounds—Ivey and Steve Atkins of Maryland.

They'll be after Smith's job. Starr also is trying to resurrect Duane Thomas, now 32, who'll be given what probably is his last chance to prove that he still has some of his running form from the Dallas days.

**Receivers**—If Lofton had been drafted by Dallas or some other potent offensive team, he might have been the talk of the league in 1978. Nevertheless, the former sprinter long-jumper from Stanford led the Packers with 46 catches, a 17.7-yard average to make the Pro Bowl as a rookie. The other wide receiver, Audra Thomas, has sprinter's speed, too. He caught 26 passes for a 20.3-yard average. Elmo Boyd backs up Lofton and Thompson. Veteran tight end Rich McGeorge is a fine blocker with good hands. But he averaged only 10.7 yards on 23 catches last year. Starr is looking for more speed at the position. McGeorge is backed up by Paul Coffman, a free agent from Kansas State, who didn't catch a pass in '78.

**Offensive line**—It seems that most NFL

teams always are trying to upgrade their offensive line. Green Bay is no exception. Starr's unit will get a lift with the return of tackle Mark Koncar, who missed the '78 season because of injury. Tim Stokes, acquired from Washington last year, filled in adequately for Koncar. The other tackle, Greg Koch, became a full-time starter in his second year. The guards are young, too (Derrel Gofourth and Mel Jackson). They'll be challenged by Leotis Harris. Larry McCarren is a 7-year veteran at center and he is backed up by Rick Nuzum.

### DEFENSE

**Front four**—Potentially, this is one of the best units in the league if the inside rush improves. The young linemen call themselves "The Gang Green" and they recorded 48 sacks last year. Most of the sacking was done by Pro Bowler Ezra Johnson, rushing from the right, and Mike Butler on the left



No. 34—Terrell Middleton

side. Johnson had 20½ sacks and Butler 11½. Both were second-year starters. The tackles are Carl Barzilauskas, Dave Roller and Terry Jones. Charles Johnson of Maryland, a third-round choice, may challenge the incumbents. The linemen must improve in rushing defense as the opposition averaged 152.4 yards a game on the ground.

Linebackers—The 1978 draft provided Green Bay with three quality linebackers.



No. 17—David Whitehurst

Middle backer Hunt started every game; John Anderson, on the right side, started the first 14 before breaking his arm and Mike Douglass played well in reserve. Gary Weaver was a full-time starter on the left side and wasn't affected by a 1977 knee injury. Reserve middle backer Jim Carter is retiring but Paul Rudzinski could be a valuable reserve.

Secondary—All-pro cornerback Willie Buchanan played out his option and was traded to San Diego for draft choices. It's doubtful that second-year pro Estus Hood can effectively replace Buchanan, who had nine interceptions, tying St. Louis' Ken Stone for the conference lead in this department. Mike McCoy, a 2-year starter, returns at right corner while free safety John Gray and strong safety Steve Luke defend from the inside. Green Bay had 27 interceptions in '78 compared to 13 in '77, but allowed opponents to complete 54.9% of their passes.

#### SPECIAL TEAMS

Placekicker Chester Marcol made 11 of 19 field goals, including a game-winning 48-yarder against Tampa Bay. David Beverly averaged only 35.5 yards per punt, but the coverage team tied for the NFC lead in fewest yards allowed (5.6) on punt returns. Steve Odom, top drawer kick returner, has retired.

#### THE DRAFT

When Phil Bengtson and Dan Devine were the Pack's one-two head coach successors to Vince Lombardi, they were crushed by the demands of some insiders and many outsiders that they emulate Lombardi in the won-

lost columns, immediately. Bengtson had to give it up and Devine tried desperately to stave off the poisoned arrows by trading away draft choices so that he might win "now." In Green Bay, it didn't work, and it left local hero Bart Starr (they wouldn't dare make the same demands of him) with little draft table opportunity to replenish the aging Packers manpower.

But now the ship is stabilizing, miraculously with Starr still at the helm, and as Whitehurst and company mature, each year now brings a normal complement of draft choices to stall off the dreaded attrition. Ivery, Atkins and Johnson, particularly, should help the '79 Pack.

#### 1978 Season Results GREEN BAY (8-7-1)

13	Detroit	7
28	*New Orleans	17
3	*Oakland	28
24	San Diego	3
35	*Detroit	14
24	*Chicago	14
45	*Seattle	28
7	Minnesota	21
9	*Tampa Bay	7
3	Philadelphia	10
14	*Dallas	42
3	Denver	16
10	*Minnesota**	10
17	Tampa Bay	7
0	Chicago	14
14	Los Angeles	31
249		269

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75	Barzilauskas, Carl	DT	6-6	265	6	3/19/51	Indiana
11	Beverly, David	P	6-2	180	6	8/18/50	Auburn
85	Boyd, Elmo	WR	6-0	188	2	6/15/54	East Kentucky
77	Butler, Michael	DE	6-5	265	3	4/4/54	Kansas
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57	Gofourth, Derrel	G	6-3	260	3	3/20/55	Oklahoma State
24	Gray, Johnnie	S	5-11	185	5	12/18/53	Cal State-Fullerton
51	Gueno, Jim	LB	6-2	220	4	1/15/54	Tulane
69	Harris, Leotis	G	6-1	267	2	6/28/55	Arkansas
38	Hood, Estus	CB	5-11	180	2	11/14/55	Illinois State
55	Hunt, Mike	LB	6-2	240	2	10/6/56	Minnesota
71	Jackson, Mel	G	6-1	267	5	5/5/54	Southern California
90	Johnson, Ezra	DE	6-4	240	3	10/5/55	Morris Brown
63	Jones, Terry	DT	6-2	259	2	11/8/56	Alabama
68	Koch, Greg	T	6-4	265	3	6/14/55	Arkansas
79	Koncar, Mark	T	6-5	268	4	5/5/53	Colorado
42	Landers, Walt	FB	6-0	214	2	7/4/53	Clark
80	Loflon, James	WR	6-3	187	2	7/5/56	Stanford
46	Luke, Steve	S	6-2	205	5	9/4/53	Ohio State
13	Marcol, Chester	K	6-0	190	8	10/24/49	Hillsdale
54	McCarren, Larry	C	6-3	248	7	11/9/51	Illinois
29	McCoy, Mike	CB	5-11	183	4	8/16/53	Colorado
81	McGeorge, Rich	TE	6-4	230	10	9/14/48	Elon
34	Middleton, Terrell	RB	6-0	195	3	4/8/55	Memphis State
56	Nuzum, Rick	C	6-4	238	3	6/30/52	Kentucky
62	Pass, Randy	G	6-3	247	2	4/27/55	Georgia Tech
74	Roller, Dave	DT	6-2	270	6	10/28/49	Kentucky
58	Rudzinski, Paul	LB	6-1	220	2	7/28/56	Michigan State
36	Sampson, Howard	S	5-10	185	2	7/7/56	Arkansas
48	Simpson, Nate	RB	5-11	190	3	11/30/54	Tennessee State

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	NFL Exp.	Birth-date	College
73	Skinner, Gerald	T	6-4	260	2	1/12/54	Arkansas
33	Smith, Barty	FB	6-4	240	6	3/23/52	Richmond
16	Sproul, Dennis	QB	6-2	210	2	7/17/56	Arizona
76	Stokes, Tim	T	6-5	252	6	3/16/50	Oregon
41	Thaxton, James	TE	6-3	240	6	1/11/49	Tennessee State
23	Thomas, Duane	HB	6-2	210	5	6/21/47	West Texas State
68	Thompson, Aundra	WR	6-0	186	3	1/2/53	East Texas State
26	Torkelson, Eric	RB	6-2	194	6	3/3/52	Connecticut
87	Tullis, Walter	WR	6-0	170	2	4/12/53	Delaware State
21	Wagner, Steve	S	6-2	208	3	4/18/54	Wisconsin
52	Weaver, Gary	LB	6-1	225	7	3/13/49	Fresno State
17	Whitehurst, David	QB	6-2	204	3	4/27/55	Furman
44	Wilder, Willie	HB	6-1	200	2	9/19/55	Florida

#### DRAFT CHOICES

Choice	Name	No. Selected	Pos.	College
1.	IVERY, Eddie Lee	15	RB	Georgia Tech
2.	ATKINS, Steve	44	RB	Maryland
3.	JOHNSON, Charles	71	DT	Maryland
4.	Choice to New York Jets			
5.	Choice to New York Jets			
6.	SIMMONS, Dave	153	LB	North Carolina
7.	MONROE, Henry	180	DB	Mississippi State
	WINGO, Rich	184	LB	Alabama
	from San Diego			
8.	CASSIDY, Ron	193	WR	Utah State
	from San Francisco			
	PARTRIDGE, Rick	208	P	Utah
9.	THOMPSON, John	235	TE	Utah State
10.	LOCKETT, Frank	264	WR	Nebraska
11.	THORSON, Mark	290	DB	Ottawa
12.	MOATS, Bill	318	P	South Dakota

COACHES: BART STARR, Zeke Bratkowski, Lew Carpenter, Bill Curry, Dave Hanner, Dick LeBeau, Ernie McMillan, John Meyer, Dick Rehbein, Fred von Appen.





# MINNESOTA VIKINGS

## NATIONAL FOOTBALL CONFERENCE CENTRAL DIVISION

An era has ended for the perennial contenders, the Minnesota Vikings.

Quarterback Fran Tarkenton, the leader who supplied much of the personality of the team—not to mention holding almost every major NFL passing record—has retired after 18 seasons, most of them in Minnesota.

"He's the greatest quarterback ever to play the game," Viking coach Bud Grant said simply.

Those who remember John Unitas, Sid Luckman, Bob Waterfield, Otto Graham or Sammy Baugh may disagree with Grant. But there's no doubt that Tarkenton, the famed scrambling man, left an indelible impact on the game.

Tarkenton's retirement (he'll stay with football as part of the Monday night TV broadcasting team) comes at time when the Vikings don't seem quite as formidable as they were when they clearly dominated the NFC Central.

Sure, the Vikes won their sixth straight division title and 10th in the last 11 years in 1978. But they barely squeezed in, tying with Green Bay (8-7-1) and getting the title on tie-breaking procedures.

Grant, now in his 13th season at Minnesota, doesn't feel the club is in need of a massive rebuilding program and says the Vikings can improve from a position of strength.

Still, the Vikings were an unbalanced team last year. Tarkenton supplied most of the offense by passing for 3468 yards including 25 touchdowns (and 32 interceptions), while the running game netted only 1536 yards—worst in the NFL.

There's also some concern about the offensive line but Grant says that injuries prevented this unit from performing effectively last year.

The defense was adequate—14th in the NFL standings—but the Vikings allowed more points (301) than they scored (294).

"There always seems to be discussion about age on this team," Grant says. "But if you took a half-dozen players off our team, there would be no age. And then what would people talk about?"

They'll talk about how the team misses 39-year-old Fran Tarkenton if the Vikings can't retain their Central Division title.

### OFFENSE

Quarterbacks—Naturally, Grant anticipated that Tarkenton might retire. "Whatever happens," said Grant before Tarkenton made his decision, "we feel very comfortable with our quarterback situation. I certainly believe that Tommy Kramer is ready. He had no ill effects from that unfortunate injury (he was knocked woozy against the Rams in a regular season game). He was ready to play after that. But the situation was such that it didn't warrant sending him into the game." Kramer (6-1, 199) in his third season, didn't play much in '78. Neither did veteran Bob Lee,

who has won some big games for the Vikings in the past. With Tarkenton gone, Grant got more quarterback insurance by drafting Stanford's Steve Dils on the third round. Dils set Pacific 10 passing records at a school that emphasizes passing.

Running backs—The Vikings have one of the NFL's best all-purpose backs in Chuck Foreman, who rushed for 749 yards (but only a 3.2 average) and caught 61 passes for 396 yards in '78. Grant also is high on Rickey Young (417, 3.1), acquired in trade from San Diego for guard Ed White. But Minnesota needs some quality depth behind this pair. So it wasn't surprising when Grant drafted Ted Brown of North Carolina State on the first round. Brown gained 4602 yards in four seasons at NC State, ranking fourth on the all-time NCAA rushing list.

Receivers—It would be difficult to improve on Minnesota's outside combination of Ahmad Rashad and Sammy White, who caught 66 and 61 passes for 769 and 396 yards, respectively, last year. Rashad accounted for eight touchdowns. But he wasn't the club's leading receiver, mind you. Rickey Young held that distinction with 88 catches for 704 yards as Tarkenton exploited his preference for dumping passes to his backs. Seldom used Kevin Miller and Harry Washington were backup to Rashad and White. Grant has three dependable tight ends in Bob

Tucker, Stu Voigt and Steve Craig. Tucker, the ex-Giant, caught 47 passes for 540 yards.

Offensive line—Grant was forced to do a lot of juggling up front because of injuries. He admits the loss of White (to San Diego) didn't help the situation but adds that White hadn't played up to his usual standards in recent years because of injuries and dissatisfaction (contract) with the club.

Both Wes Hamilton and Dennis Swiley, White's replacements, were injured during the season. Tackle Steve Riley played with a painful pinched neck nerve and finally



HC—Bud Grant



No. 44—Chuck Foreman

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couldn't play anymore. But Frank Myers, in his first year, did a good job of replacing Riley. Another incumbent is guard Charles Goodrum. Center Mick Tingelhoff finally has retired after 18 seasons. Anyway, Grant drafted a center—Notre Dame's Dave Huffman (6-6, 255)—on the second round.

#### DEFENSE

Front four—The once-famed "Purple Gang" has been broken up. Alan Page was waived in October and signed by Chicago. Carl Eller, in his 16th season, now is backing up Mark Mullaney at left end. Only old man Jim Marshall keeps rolling along at age 41. Randy Holloway, who is 18-years young-

er than Marshall, will be trying to take the oldster's job away. The tackles—Doug Sutherland and James White—are solid.

Linebackers—Grant says he has three excellent linebackers as starters: Matt Blair and Fred McNeill on the outside and Jeff Siemon in the middle. No argument. Blair was an all-NFC choice and played in the Pro Bowl. But there isn't much depth behind this trio, considering that Wally Hilgenberg is 37 and may retire. Grant drafted Michigan linebacker Jerry Meter on the fifth round and he'll be a backup along with Scott Studwell, Whip Walton and, possibly, Hilgenberg.

Secondary—The Vikings were 19th ranked in the league in pass defense in 1978 and this unit may be in a transitional period. Paul Krause, who backs up young Tom Hannon at free safety, is 37. Cornerbacks Bobby Bryant and Nate Wright are in their 11th seasons. Strong safety Phil Wise is an 8-year veteran. Bryant led the club with seven interceptions last year as the Vikings had 22 as a team. Reserves are Nate Allen, a 9-year vet; Bob Maffei and John Turner.

#### SPECIAL TEAMS

Rick Danmeier made 12 of 19 field goals, including four of eight from the 40-yard line or beyond. Greg Coleman, the punter for most of the season, had a net average of only 30.6 yards. Grant wasn't happy with his return people. "We've had people in here and we've looked at a lot of others, but we just haven't found the right ones. Hopefully, we will."

#### THE DRAFT

Close-mouthed Bud Grant usually can be depended upon to say only what he means—

when he says anything. And from his all-too-brief discussions of the Vikings' draft, the pick of running back Brown in the first round is not clear. Did the Vikings really sputter at the ground level last year, or was Tarkenton still Tarkenton—a pass-oriented ignoror of game plans?

If the latter was true, then there must be some sort of new disenchantment between Chuck Foreman and the Vikes. If Foreman is solid, Brown is not the lead-pipe cinch a first choice should be to become a star at his position.

Huffman was a draft for need—center Mick Tingelhoff retired shortly thereafter. And Dils was the best of the throwing quarterbacks available on round three. It's downhill from there.

#### 1978 Season Results MINNESOTA (8-7-1)

24	New Orleans	31
12	*Denver**	9
10	*Tampa Bay	16
24	Chicago	20
24	Tampa Bay	7
28	Seattle	29
17	*Los Angeles	34
21	*Green Bay	7
21	Dallas	10
17	*Detroit	7
17	*Chicago	14
7	*San Diego	13
10	Green Bay**	10
28	*Philadelphia	27
14	Detroit	45
20	Oakland	27
294		306

\*Home game \*\*Overtime



No. 73—Ron Yary

## 1979 ROSTER VETERANS

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	NFL Exp.	Birth-date	College
25	Allen, Nate	CB	5-11	174	9	5/13/48	Texas Southern
59	Blair, Matt	LB	6-5	229	6	9/20/51	Iowa State
20	Bryant, Bobby	CB	6-1	170	11	1/24/44	South Carolina
8	Coleman, Greg	P	6-0	178	3	9/9/54	Florida A & M
84	Craig, Steve	TE	6-3	231	6	3/13/51	Northwestern
7	Danmeier, Rick	K	6-0	183	2	4/8/52	Sioux Falls
81	Eller, Carl	DE	6-6	247	16	2/25/42	Minnesota
44	Foreman, Chuck	RB	6-2	207	7	10/26/50	Miami
68	Goodrum, Charles	T	6-3	256	7	1/11/50	Florida A & M
61	Hamilton, Wes	G	6-3	255	4	4/24/53	Tulsa
45	Hannon, Tom	S	5-11	193	3	3/5/55	Michigan State
58	Hilgenberg, Wally	LB	6-3	229	16	9/19/42	Iowa
75	Holloway, Randy	DE	6-5	245	2	8/26/55	Pittsburgh
51	Hough, Jim	C	6-2	267	2	8/4/56	Utah State
48	Johnson, Sammy	RB	6-1	226	6	9/22/52	North Carolina
39	Kellar, Mark	RB	6-0	225	4	7/17/52	Northern Illinois
9	Kramer, Tommy	QB	6-1	199	3	3/7/55	Rice
22	Krause, Paul	S	6-3	205	16	2/19/42	Iowa
24	Latin, Jerry	RB-KR	5-10	187	5	8/25/53	Northern Illinois
19	Lee, Bob	QB	6-2	195	11	8/7/46	Pacific
76	Lingenfelter, Bob	T	6-7	277	3	9/1/54	Nebraska
70	Marshall, Jim	DE	6-4	240	20	12/30/37	Ohio State
33	McClanahan, Brent	RB	5-10	202	7	9/21/50	Arizona State
54	McNeill, Fred	LB	6-2	229	6	5/6/52	UCLA
87	Miller, Kevin	WR	5-10	180	2	3/21/55	Louisville
35	Miller, Robert	RB	5-11	204	5	1/9/53	Kansas
77	Mullaney, Mark	DE	6-6	242	5	4/30/53	Colorado State
31	Munsey, Nelson	CB	6-1	198	8	7/2/48	Wyoming
74	Myers, Frank	T	6-5	255	2	1/4/56	Texas A & M
28	Rashad, Ahmad	WR	6-2	200	7	11/19/49	Oregon
78	Riley, Steve	T	6-6	258	6	11/23/52	Southern California
50	Siemon, Jeff	LB	6-3	237	8	6/2/50	Stanford

COACHES: BUD GRANT, Jerry Burns, Jim Carr, Bob Holloway, Bus Mertes, John Michels, Floyd Reese, Les Steckel, Murray Warmath.

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	NFL Exp.	Birth-date	College
79	Smith, Lyman	DT	6-5	250	2	9/24/50	Duke
55	Studwell, Scott	LB	6-2	224	3	8/27/54	Illinois
69	Sutherland, Doug	DT	6-3	250	10	4/1/48	Superior, Wis.
67	Swilley, Dennis	G	6-3	241	3	6/28/55	Texas A & M
38	Tucker, Bob	TE	6-3	230	10	6/8/45	Bloomsburg, Pa.
27	Turner, John	CB	6-0	199	2	9/22/56	Miami
83	Voigt, Stu	TE	6-1	225	10	8/12/48	Wisconsin
52	Walton, Whip	LB	6-2	235	1	7/16/55	San Diego State
80	Washington, Harry	WR	6-0	180	2	7/30/56	Colorado State
72	White, James	DT	6-3	263	4	10/26/53	Oklahoma State
85	White, Sammy	WR	5-11	189	4	3/16/54	Grambling
29	Wise, Phil	S	6-0	193	8	4/25/49	Nebraska-Omaha
43	Wright, Nate	CB	5-11	180	11	12/21/47	San Diego State
73	Yary, Ron	T	6-6	255	12	8/16/46	Southern California
34	Young, Rickey	RB	6-2	195	5	12/12/53	Jackson State

#### DRAFT CHOICES

Choice	Name	No. Selected	Pos.	College
1.	BROWN, Ted	16	RB	North Carolina State
2.	HUFFMAN, Dave	43	C	Notre Dame
3.	Choice forfeited			
4.	DILS, Steve	97	QB	Stanford
5.	METER, Jerry	129	LB	Michigan
6.	SENER, Joe	152	TE	West Chester, Pa.
7.	WINKEL, Bob	181	DT	Kentucky
8.	Choice to Baltimore			
9.	DIGGS, Billy	236	WR	Winston-Salem
10.	Choice to New York Jets			
11.	NELSON, Brian	291	WR	Texas Tech
12.	STEPHENS, David	317	LB	Kentucky



# DETROIT LIONS

## NATIONAL FOOTBALL CONFERENCE CENTRAL DIVISION

The Detroit Lions are optimistic about the 1979 season and, based upon their fast finish in 1978, they have every reason to be.

Monte Clark's young Lions won six of their last nine games, including a shocking, 45-14 rout of division champion Minnesota. It was a startling turnaround from a 1-6 start and brought the overall record to 7-9.

Clark, a winning coach in his only season with the San Francisco 49ers (1976), created an exciting team with a league-leading 16 trades and a roster than included 18 rookies.

"We're still growing," Clark says. "We showed our immaturity last year, even in the last game (a 33-14 win over the 49ers). Consistency will be a very important goal this season. My formula is gradual, step-by-step progress and I want to make some bigger strides in the coming months. We developed some good work habits last year, which was one of our first goals.

"I was pleased with our determination and attitude, especially when things went badly early in the year. But there's still a long way to go and we're not going to start claiming new found supremacy."

One late-season surge doesn't establish the Lions as a club that has joined the NFL elite after several seasons of near or .500 records. But Clark obviously has the Lions headed in the right direction and a division title is not out of question, now that the Vikings apparently have slipped a bit.

### OFFENSE

**Quarterbacks**—Gary Danielson, a 3-year pro, was given his first real shot at quarterback and he revitalized a once lagging Detroit offense. And, in his 10th start against Minnesota, he had one of those games that quarterbacks dream about. He completed 26 of 33 passes for 352 yards including a club record five touchdowns. It was the best single day performance by an NFL quarterback last season. Danielson doesn't have to worry about veteran Greg Landry looking over his shoulder. Landry is now with the Baltimore Colts. Danielson's backup is Joe Reed, who wasn't used last year.

**Running backs**—The Lions don't have a legitimate fullback but they had two productive halfback-type runners last year in Dexter Bussey and Horace King. Bussey gained 924 yards—second highest total in Lion history—and also caught 31 passes for 275 yards. King contributed 660 yards rushing and held 48 passes for 396 yards. Rick Kane, a talented 3-year man, could be a factor if not bothered by injuries again. Fullback Lawrence Gaines made a comeback from three knee operations last year by playing in 13 games. There's not much depth in this department so Clark is hopeful that Bo Robinson, a third-round pick from West Texas State, will assert himself.

**Receivers**—With Gene Washington and J.D. Hill both sidelined by injuries, the Lions

had to rely on four young wide receivers—Fred Scott, Luther Blue, Leonard Thompson and Jesse Thompson. Scott and Blue were the most productive with 37 and 31 catches. But tight end David Hill was the big play receiver. He caught 53 passes—an all-time Detroit high for a tight end—for 633 yards and five touchdowns. The Lions have a potentially good passing offense and it would be a better one if Washington recovers from an Achilles injury.

**Offensive line**—The offensive line showed improvement but it is still too young to be rated among the league's better blocking units. Clark started three rookies—guard Homer Elias, center Larry Teary and tackle Karl Baldischwiler—last season. They teamed with tackle Brad Oates and guard Lynn Boden, who are in their third and fourth seasons. Not surprisingly Detroit drafted an offensive lineman, Keith Dorney of Penn State, on the first round. Backup help may come from Dorney, Russ Bolinger (who missed last season because of knee surgery) and Donnie Hickman.

### DEFENSE

**Front four**—Seldom has a rookie lineman made such an immediate impact on the league as Al Baker did last season. The young end had 23 sacks to lead the NFL and received numerous postseason honors including being the only rookie defensive starter in the Pro Bowl.

Baker, along with tackles Doug English (a Pro Bowl selection) and John Woodcock and end Dave Pureifory, formed what Clark called the "Silver Rush"—as opposed to the 49ers' "Gold Rush"—that set a team record of 55 QB sacks. Much of Detroit's success was credited to line coach Floyd Peters, who as an assistant under Clark at San Francisco in 1976, coached the "Gold Rush" line that accounted for 61 sacks.

**Linebackers**—Clark concedes that the linebacking—once the strength of the Lions—is short on numbers. Detroit went with only five backers last year and there's some talk

that veteran Paul Naumoff may retire. Still, it's the club's most experienced unit with Naumoff, Ed O'Neil, Charlie Weaver and Dave Washington. O'Neil had four interceptions in '78, while Weaver had three. The Lions drafted two linebackers in the first four rounds—Wyoming's Ken Fantetti (2) and Clemson's Jon Brooks (4).

**Secondary**—The defensive backfield was injury-riddled last year with seven potential starters sidelined at one time or another. Levi Johnson, a 5-year vet, tore an Achilles' tendon as early as April, and others less seriously injured were James Hunter, Bruce Rhodes, Luther Bradley, Jimmy Allen, Walt Williams and Nat Terry. Allen led the team with five interceptions, while Bradley, the first-round draft choice from Notre Dame,



No. 16—Gary Danielson



No. 81—Dave Hill



No. 24—Dexter Bussey



had an outstanding season for a rookie. He had a 76-yard touchdown interception against Minnesota, longest such return by a Lion rookie since 1973.

#### SPECIAL TEAMS

Tom Skladany showed no ill effects from sitting out the 1977 season because of a contract dispute and, in his first preseason, his 42.5-yard average led the NFC and was third in the NFL. Benny Ricardo was one of

the league's most accurate placekickers, clicking on 16 of 18 from inside the 40. Jesse Thompson was the NFC's No. 3 punt runner with a 10.1 average.

#### THE DRAFT

The Lions received three draft choices (a 3rd, 4th and 5th) for Greg Landry, picking up tight end Ulysses Norris and center Walt Brown, with next year's third choice to round out the trade. And the Lions still have

maturing journeyman quarterback Joe Reed and draftee Jeff Komlo (ninth round) from Delaware, to stand by for the still young first stringer, Danielson.

In numbers, the Lions went strong for linebackers, getting three (Brooks, Mohring and Cole) on rounds four, eight and eleven.

Clark didn't get a game-breaker at any of the glamour positions, but as an old lineman himself, Monte smiles at his draft. He knows well what it takes to form the guts of any winning team.



LIONS' PHOTO BY GEORGE CELLATLY

HC—Monte Clark

#### 1978 Season Results

##### DETROIT (7-9)

7	*Green Bay	13
15	Tampa Bay	7
0	*Chicago	19
16	Seattle	28
14	Green Bay	35
19	*Washington	21
0	Atlanta	14
31	*San Diego	14
21	Chicago	17
7	Minnesota	17
34	*Tampa Bay	23
17	Oakland	29
17	*Denver	14
14	St. Louis	21
45	*Minnesota	14
33	*San Francisco	14

290 300

\*Home game

## 1979 ROSTER

### VETERANS

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	NFL Exp.	Birth-date	College
40	Allen, Jimmy	S	6-2	195	6	3/6/52	UCLA
60	Baker, Al	DE	6-6	260	2	12/9/56	Colorado State
76	Baldschwieler, Karl T	T	6-5	265	2	1/19/56	Oklahoma
89	Blue, Luther	WR	5-11	180	3	10/21/55	Iowa State
62	Boden, Lynn	G	6-5	260	5	6/5/53	South Dakota State
73	Bolinger, Russ	T	6-5	250	3	9/10/54	Long Beach State
27	Bradley, Luther	CB	6-2	195	2	5/7/55	Notre Dame
29	Burns, Mike	S	6-0	180	3	4/6/54	Southern California
24	Bussey, Dexter	RB	6-1	195	6	3/11/52	Texas-Arlington
31	Callicutt, Ken	RB	6-0	190	2	8/20/55	Clemson
66	Chandler, Karl	C	6-5	250	6	2/15/52	Princeton
72	Cooke, Bill	DT	6-5	250	5	2/26/51	Massachusetts
16	Danielson, Gary	QB	6-2	195	4	9/10/51	Purdue
58	Daykin, Tony	LB	6-1	220	3	5/13/55	Georgia Tech
20	Ellis, Ken	DB	5-11	180	10	9/27/47	Southern
61	Elias, Homer	G	6-3	255	2	5/1/55	Tennessee State
78	English, Doug	DT	6-5	260	5	8/25/53	Texas
65	Fowler, Amos	G	6-3	250	2	2/11/56	Southern Mississippi
38	Gaines, Lawrence	FB	6-1	230	3	12/15/53	Wyoming
71	Gallagher, Dave	DT	6-4	255	5	1/2/52	Michigan
79	Gay, Bill	DE	6-5	225	2	5/28/55	Southern California
64	Gray, Dan	DE	6-6	240	2	1/19/56	Rutgers
63	Hickman, Donnie	G	6-2	260	2	6/11/55	Southern California
81	Hill, David	TE	6-2	230	4	1/1/54	Texas A&I
86	Hill, J.D.	WR	6-1	185	7	10/30/48	Arizona State
28	Hunter, James	CB	6-3	195	4	3/8/54	Grambling
	Jolley, Gordon	T	6-5	245	8	5/22/49	Utah
23	Johnson, Levi	CB	6-3	200	5	10/30/50	Texas A&I
32	Kane, Rick	RB	5-11	200	3	11/12/54	San Jose State
25	King, Horace	RB	5-10	205	5	3/5/53	Georgia
26	Leonard, Tony	CB	5-11	175	4	2/28/53	Virginia Union
68	Markovich, Mark	G	6-5	255	5	11/7/52	Penn State
86	McGee, Willie	WR	5-11	175	7	5/14/50	Alcorn State
50	Naumoff, Paul	LB	6-1	215	13	7/3/45	Tennessee
74	Oates, Brad	T	6-6	275	5	4/2/53	Brigham Young
55	O'Neil, Ed	LB	6-3	235	6	9/8/52	Penn State
75	Pureifory, Dave	DE	6-1	255	8	7/12/49	Eastern Michigan
14	Reed, Joe	QB	6-1	190	8	1/8/48	Mississippi State
33	Rhodes, Bruce	S	6-0	190	3	4/17/52	San Francisco State

COACHES: MONTE CLARK, Billy Atkins, Don Doll, Fred Hoaglin, Larry Pasquale, Floyd Peters, Jimmy Raye, Bob Schnelker, Marty Schottenheimer.

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	NFL Exp.	Birth-date	College
1	Ricardo, Benny	K	5-10	170	3	1/4/54	San Diego State
82	Sanders, Ken	DE	6-5	245	8	8/20/50	Howard Payne
87	Scott, Fred	WR	6-2	180	6	8/5/52	Amherst
15	Skldany, Tom	K	6-0	195	2	6/29/55	Ohio State
54	Tearry, Larry	C	6-3	260	2	4/24/56	Wake Forest
30	Terry, Nat	CB	5-11	165	2	7/20/56	Florida State
84	Thompson, Jesse	WR	6-1	185	2	3/12/56	California
39	Thompson, L.	WR	5-11	190	5	7/28/52	Oklahoma State
	Wittum, Tom	P	6-1	190	6	1/11/50	Northern Illinois
52	Washington, Dave	LB	6-6	230	10	9/12/48	Alcorn State
18	Washington, Gene	WR	6-1	180	10	1/14/47	Stanford
59	Weaver, Charlie	LB	6-2	225	9	7/12/49	Southern California
21	Williams, Walt	CB	6-0	185	3	7/10/54	New Mexico State
77	Woodcock, John	DT	6-3	250	4	3/19/54	Hawaii

### DRAFT CHOICES

Choice	Name	No. Selected	Pos.	College
1.	DORNEY, Keith	10	T	Penn State
2.	FANTETTI, Ken	37	LB	Wyoming
3.	ROBINSON, Bo	67	RB	West Texas State
4.	NORRIS, Ulysses	88	TE	Georgia
	from Baltimore			
	BROOKS, Jonathan	92	LB	Clemson
5.	Choice to San Francisco			
	BROWN, Walt	131	C	Pittsburgh
	from San Diego through Baltimore			
6.	Choice to Denver			
7.	Choice to Oakland through Cleveland			
8.	Choice to New York Giants			
	MOHRING, John	213	LB	C.W. Post
	from Seattle			
9.	KOMLO, Jeff	231	QB	Delaware
10.	Choice to Miami			
11.	Choice to New York Giants			
	COLE, Eddie	302	LB	Mississippi
	from Dallas			
12.	FORSTER, Bob	313	C-G	Brown
	SWEENEY, Bryan	326	WR	Texas A&I
	from New England			



# CHICAGO BEARS

NATIONAL FOOTBALL CONFERENCE  
CENTRAL DIVISION

**T**here are two ways to look at the NFC Central Division. It is the most competitive circuit in the league, or it is decidedly mediocre.

The top teams, Minnesota and Green Bay, finished with 8-7-1 records, just ahead of the Chicago Bears and Detroit Lions (7-9), leaving Tampa Bay (5-11) in the cellar.

The Bears, who conned their ardent followers into thinking they were moving up in class in 1977 when they finished 9-5 under Jack Pardee and made the playoffs, are now trying to get out of this mediocrity rut.

Always there is the excuse that the Bears regressed last season because of the coaching change—Neill Armstrong replacing Pardee—and it takes a while for the new guy to install his system and the players to feel comfortable with it.

But Chicago's problems seem obvious. The Bears don't score enough points. In 11 of their 16 games in '78, they scored 17 or fewer points. The running game was sound. Walter Payton saw to that. But the quarterbacks, Bob Avellini and Mike Phipps, threw only seven touchdown passes in tandem.

The Bears won some close games, thanks to a defense that was 12th ranked in the league—although there is room for improvement.

It would seem that the Bears need a good young quarterback. But general manager Jim Finks disagreed, saying, "Contrary to what some people think, we're okay at quarterback. We have greater needs."

This was underscored in the draft when the Bears, with two first-round picks, chose defensive linemen, Dan Hampton of Arkansas and Al Harris of Arizona State.

Anyway, the Bears are good enough to win the once tough Central Division. They could finish fifth, too.

## OFFENSE

**Quarterbacks**—Armstrong says there's a lot of talent at this position with Avellini, Phipps and young Vince Evans, the strong-armed thrower from Southern Cal. He also allows that performance at quarterback needs to be upgraded. Avellini, an intense competitor if not a finesse passer, started 12 games, but was ranked only 11th among NFC quarterbacks. Phipps, who was inactive in 1977 after the Bears acquired him from Cleveland for a No. 1 draft choice, finally got a chance to play last season. He started in four of the last six games, the Bears winning three. But Phipps' status is clouded because he is one of 11 Chicago free agents. This might mean that Evans, inexperienced but a better athlete than Avellini and Phipps, might be given some consideration this season.

**Running backs**—Payton won his third consecutive NFC rushing title with 1395 yards. Now that's not surprising for this outstanding back. But his blocker, Roland Harper, accounted for a career-high 992 yards, making Harper and Payton the best rushing duo in

the league. Moreover, Payton and Harper were the Bears' leading receivers with 50 and 42 catches. However, the yards didn't come as easy for Payton in '78 as his average per carry dropped from 5.5 to 4.2. So durable are Payton and Harper (they rarely fumble) that the supporting cast—Robin Earl, John Skibinski and Art Best—combined only for 11 carries. Johnny Musso, Payton's backup in '76 and '77 and a special teams star, was sidelined with an injured knee.

**Receivers**—Armstrong didn't have a healthy wide receiving corps at any time during the 1978 season and this contributed to the Bears' 26th ranking in pass offense. James Scott was off to a fast start and had 29 catches for 522 yards after eight games but a thigh injury restricted him thereafter. Golden Richards, the former Cowboy, played hurt the latter part of the season and finished with 27 catches for 379 yards. Backups Brian Baschnagel and Steve Schubert also were hobbled by injuries, while Steve Rivera was on the injured reserve list. Tight

end Greg Latta resisted injury and his blocking helped the Bears' fine running game. But Armstrong wants his tight ends to become more active as receivers. Mike Cobb, injured at midseason, may team with Latta in short yardage, two tight end alignments. Punter Bob Parsons and fullback Robin Earl also are used as tight ends.

**Offensive line**—Armstrong says the Bears' blockers are better than average but must become more consistent. Also, there is a depth problem at center. Chicago led the NFL in rushing in 1977 and finished a creditable fourth last year. The incumbents are tackles Ted Albrecht and Dennis Lick, guards Noah Jackson and Revie Sorey and center Dan Neal, who played with a painful elbow injury. Backups include former regulars Lionel Antoine and Jeff Sevy.

## DEFENSE

**Front four**—Although seven defensive starters missed a combined total of 50 games in 1978 (cornerback Allan Ellis and linebacker



No. 34—Walter Payton

Waymond Bryant were out for the year), the Bears' defense improved its rating from 22nd to 12th.

The Bears upgraded their sack production from 27 to 40 but their key rushers are two veterans, Alan Page, ex-Vikings, and Tommy Hart, ex-49ers, who are now playing year to year. Hampton and Harris, the high draft choices, are expected to be rushers of the

future. Others who played, some while injured, were Jim Osborne, Mike Hartenstine and Ron Rydallch. Brad Shearer and Jerry Meyers also figure in future plans.

Linebackers—The Bears are still looking for a middle backer that, at least, reminds them of Dick Butkus. Don Rives and Tom Hicks shared the position last year while playing injured. If Bryant is able to play, he'll have to take the right-side job away from Gary Campbell. Old pro Doug Buffone, in his 14th season, will be challenged on the left side by Bruce Herron, a 2-year veteran.

Secondary—Only strong safety Gary Fencik managed to remain injury-free. He led the club in interceptions (4) and tackles (130). He teams with free safety Doug Plank. Both are aggressive, hard-hitting types. Terry Schmidt started 16 games in place of Ellis and preserved two Chicago victories with late interceptions. Virgil Livers, the other corner, played in 13 of 16 games. Others with game experience are Wentford Gaines, Mike Spivey and Lenny Walterscheid.

#### SPECIAL TEAMS

Placekicker Bob Thomas set a club record for accuracy by making 17 of 22 field goals. Bob Parsons averaged 37.0 yards as the punter and less than half of his kicks were returned. Baschnagel and Schubert are fine kick runners when healthy.

#### THE DRAFT

The Bears have denied that they need a quarterback, though one could not call the position a settled one. But the cream of the QB crop, Jack Thompson, was the third player taken, and he was grabbed just prior

to Chicago's first pick, leaving general manager Jim Finks with the established Finks habit of giving a high priority to big defensive linemen (Hampton and Harris, both first-rounders).

Rickey Watts of Tulsa, a wide receiver, was the third player picked by the Bears, and he's the possessor of an unusual attitude for a wide receiver: he loves to block on running plays. On the third round, Willie McClendon of Georgia was picked as another backstop for Walter Payton.

The Bears' fourth- and fifth-round choices were traded away, and by the time the sixth round came along, the quality level of the draftees available had dropped considerably.



No. 7—Bob Avellini

#### 1978 Season Results

##### CHICAGO (7-9)

17	*St. Louis	10
16	San Francisco	13
19	Detroit	0
20	*Minnesota	24
19	*Oakland**	25
14	Green Bay	24
7	Denver	16
19	Tampa Bay	33
17	*Detroit	21
29	*Seattle	31
14	Minnesota	17
13	*Atlanta	7
14	*Tampa Bay	3
7	San Diego	40
14	*Green Bay	0
14	Washington	10

253

274

\*Home game \*\*Overtime

## 1979 ROSTER

### VETERANS

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	NFL Exp.	Birth-date	College
64	Albrecht, Ted	T-G	6-4	255	3	10/8/54	California
79	Antoine, Lionel	T	6-6	267	7	8/31/50	Southern Illinois
7	Avellini, Bob	QB	6-2	206	5	8/28/53	Maryland
84	Baschnagel, Brian	WR-KR	6-0	184	4	1/8/54	Ohio State
25	Best, Art	RB-KR	6-1	205	3	3/18/53	Kent State
50	Bryant, Waymond	LB	6-3	239	5	7/28/52	Tennessee State
55	Buffone, Doug	LB	6-2	227	13	6/27/44	Louisville
59	Campbell, Gary	LB	6-1	218	3	3/4/52	Colorado
87	Cobb, Mike	TE	6-5	248	3	12/10/55	Michigan State
60	Devlin, Chris	LB	6-2	220	4	11/22/53	Penn State
39	Earl, Robin	RB-P	6-5	242	3	3/18/55	Washington
48	Ellis, Allan	CB	5-10	175	6	8/19/51	UCLA
8	Evans, Vince	QB	6-2	208	3	6/14/55	Southern California
38	Freitas, George	TE	6-3	222	1	12/19/55	California
45	Fencik, Gary	S	6-1	192	4	6/11/54	Yale
36	Gaines, Wentford	CB	6-0	185	2	2/4/53	Cincinnati
21	Gibson, Bruce	RB	6-0	230	1	12/14/55	Pacific
35	Harper, Roland	RB	6-0	209	5	2/28/53	Louisiana Tech
53	Hart, Tommy	DE	6-4	246	12	11/7/44	Morris Brown
73	Hartenstine, Mike	DE	6-3	238	5	7/27/53	Penn State
51	Herron, Bruce	LB	6-2	220	2	4/14/54	New Mexico
54	Hicks, Tom	LB	6-4	225	4	12/18/52	Illinois
65	Jackson, Noah	G	6-2	273	5	4/14/51	Tampa
62	Jiggetts, Dan	T	6-4	276	4	3/10/54	Harvard
88	Latta, Greg	TE	6-3	230	5	10/13/52	Morgan State
70	Lick, Dennis	T	6-3	266	4	4/26/54	Wisconsin
24	Livers, Virgil	CB-KR	5-9	180	5	3/26/52	Western Kentucky
74	Meyers, Jerry	DE	6-4	245	4	2/21/54	Northern Illinois
58	Muckenstrum, J.	LB	6-4	219	4	10/13/53	Arkansas State
22	Musso, Johnny	RB-KR	5-11	196	4	3/6/50	Alabama
52	Neal, Dan	C-G	6-4	254	7	8/30/49	Kentucky
68	Osborne, Jim	DT	6-3	251	8	9/7/49	Southern
82	Page, Alan	DT	6-4	225	13	8/7/45	Notre Dame
86	Parsons, Bob	TE-P	6-5	244	8	6/29/50	Penn State

COACHES: NEILL ARMSTRONG, Jerry Frei, Doug Gerhart, Dale Haupt, Hank Kuhlmann, Jim LaRue, Ken Meyer, Buddy Ryan.

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	NFL Exp.	Birth-date	College
34	Payton, Walter	RB-KR	5-11	205	5	7/25/54	Jackson State
15	Phipps, Mike	QB	6-3	209	10	11/19/47	Purdue
46	Plank, Doug	S	6-0	197	5	3/4/53	Ohio State
20	Robinson, Ron	WR	6-3	192	1	1/31/56	Utah State
83	Richards, Golden	WR	6-0	180	7	12/31/51	Hawaii
81	Rivera, Steve	WR	5-11	183	3	8/5/54	California
57	Rives, Don	LB	6-2	229	6	8/30/51	Texas Tech
76	Rydallch, Ron	DT	6-4	251	5	1/1/52	Utah
97	Seymour, Paul	TE	6-5	245	6	2/6/50	Michigan
44	Schmidt, Terry	CB-S	6-0	177	6	5/28/52	Ball State
85	Schubert, Steve	WR-KR	5-10	188	6	3/15/51	Massachusetts
89	Scott, James	WR	6-1	191	4	3/28/52	Henderson J.C.
75	Sevy, Jeff	G	6-5	267	5	10/24/50	California
72	Shearer, Brad	DT	6-3	254	2	8/10/55	Texas
30	Skibinski, John	RB	6-0	218	2	4/27/55	Purdue
69	Sorey, Revie	G	6-2	263	5	9/10/53	Illinois
47	Spivey, Mike	CB-KR	6-0	194	3	3/10/54	Colorado
16	Thomas, Bob	K	5-10	171	5	8/7/52	Notre Dame
23	Walterscheid, L.	S-KR	5-11	186	3	9/13/54	Southern Utah State

### DRAFT CHOICES

Choice	Name	No. Selected	Pos.	College
1.	HAMPTON, Dan	4	DT	Arkansas
	from Tampa Bay			
	HARRIS, Al	9	DE	Arizona State
2.	WATTS, Rickey	39	WR	Tulsa
3.	MC CLENDON, Willie	66	RB	Georgia
4.	Choice to Cincinnati			
5.	Choice to Dallas			
6.	SULLIVAN, John	147	LB	Illinois
7.	KUNZ, Lee	174	LB	Nebraska
8.	MOSS, Rick	203	DB	Purdue
9.	HEAVENS, Jerome	230	RB	Notre Dame
10.	RESTIC, Joe	257	DB	Notre Dame
11.	WRIGHT, Bob	286	T	Cincinnati
12.	BECKER, Dave	312	DB	Iowa





# TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS

## NATIONAL FOOTBALL CONFERENCE CENTRAL DIVISION

One of these seasons, perhaps 1979, Tampa Bay will be relatively injury-free and the Buccaneers are going to surprise a lot of people.

Progress has been slow—but sure—for this expansion franchise. From an embarrassing 0-14 record in 1976 to 2-12 in 1977 and 5-11 last year.

But that 5-11 mark is misleading because the Bucs were 4-4 at midseason before the team was weakened by injuries. They finished the season with 15 players on the injured reserve list and the first team backfield—quarterback Doug Williams, halfback Ricky Bell and fullback Jimmy DuBose—played together as a unit in only four games (the Bucs won three) and missed a total of 23 games.

"With all the injuries just about everybody on our squad saw extensive action at some point in the season," said coach John McKay, "and this enabled us to evaluate almost all our personnel in game situations. I think this gives us an advantage in knowing where we have to upgrade our football team."

"Also injuries at several positions, especially in the offensive line, forced us to make moves that I feel will end up improving our team for some time to come."

McKay thought that a 9-7 record would win the Central Division (he was correct) and felt his Bucs could have achieved that—had it not been for the injuries. But, for the Bucs to become contenders, McKay must crank up his offense—injuries or no injuries—which was the worst in the NFL in 1978.

However, the defense was one of the best as Tampa Bay finished fourth in the league in fewest total yards allowed and sixth in fewest points permitted.

### OFFENSE

Quarterbacks—McKay says that Williams is the best passer he has seen since Norm Van Brocklin. The 6-4, 215-pound first draft choice from Grambling started 10 games last season before breaking his jaw against the Rams. He had a low interception rate and passed for 1170 yards and seven touchdowns but his completion percentage was only 37.6. Mike Rae, who quarterbacked McKay's Southern Cal national championship team in 1972, filled in for Williams. He did a good job, considering he came to the club two games into the season from Oakland and was not only rusty from inactivity but wasn't that well acquainted with the Bucs' system. Gary Huff is an experienced third quarterback.

Running backs—Bell, along with Williams, could be a key to any success the offense has. The former Trojan All-American rushed for 679 yards before missing the last four games with a knee injury. But he didn't have off-season surgery and is expected to be in top shape in 1979.

Bell can team with two power-running fullbacks, DuBose, a 235-pounder, and Johnny

Davis, a 1978 rookie from Alabama. DuBose missed nine games because of injury. George Ragsdale, pressed into service because of the many injuries, is one of the few Buc runners who is an outside threat. Other runners are Louis Carter, Andy Bolton, Charlie White and Dave Farmer.

Receivers—Morris Owens has been the Bucs' top receiver the past three seasons but nagging injuries slowed him in 1978 when he caught 32 passes for 640 yards and five touchdowns. If Ike Hagins and Larry Franklin, fast receivers off the injured reserve list, stay healthy, they could take some double-team pressure off Owens. Others are Johnny McKay, the coach's son and a good pattern runner; Frank Grant, acquired midway through 1978, and Mike Levenseller. Pittsburgh's Gordon Jones and Arkansas' Jerry Eckwood may provide rookie help.

The tight end position seems solid because of the acquisition of Jimmy Giles from Houston and Jim Obradovich from San Francisco in 1978. They combined to catch 37 passes for 543 yards and five touchdowns last season. Alvis Darby, a free agent, is the third tight end.

Offensive line—This has been the Bucs' problem area since the club's inception. Center, with Steve Wilson, seems to be the only set position. A key experiment is the shifting of starting defensive end Charley Hannah to offensive right tackle. If Hannah can make the transition, Darryl Carlton, coming off knee surgery, may swing to the left side to challenge incumbent Dave Reavis. Guards Jeff Winans and Kurt Schumacher, two early-season starters, returned from the injured reserve to contest late-season starters Greg Horton and Garry Puetz.

McKay tried to strengthen the line by drafting Gary Roberts of Oklahoma on the second round (the Bucs' first choice).

### DEFENSE

Front four—McKay has been criticized for relinquishing his 1979 first-round choice to Chicago for Wally Chambers, who was injured when he came to the Bucs and was only a part-timer in '78. Now Chambers is working to get into condition as a replacement for Hannah at left end. Lee Roy Selmon, who had late-season knee surgery, is expected to be sound in '79. Selmon recorded 11 sacks in '78 and was complemented by Pro Bowl nose tackle Dave Pear, who had nine sacks and 127 tackles, but Pear was traded to Oakland for two draft choices. Others are Bill Kollar and Randy Crowder.



No. 63—Lee Roy Selmon



No. 12—Doug Williams



No. 42—Ricky Bell

Linebackers—David Lewis, Dewey Selmon, Richard Wood and Cecil Johnson now are in their third season as a starting unit. Lewis, as a left outside backer, is the defensive equivalent of the strong Lee Roy Selmon on the right side. Dewey Selmon calls the defensive signals, while Wood is one of the fastest linebackers in the game. Johnson, a rookie starter in 1977, continues to improve, although he missed three games in '78 with a shoulder separation. Backups are Dana Naf-

ziger, Paul Harris, Aaron Brown, Rik Bonness, Earl Inmon and Randy Gill.

Secondary—Jeris White, Mike Washington, Mark Cotney and Cedric Brown aren't "name" players in the league but they're an effective unit, contributing to Tampa Bay's 29 interceptions, third highest in the league. White is a small, hard-hitting cornerback; Washington, the other corner, had five interceptions; free safety Cedric Brown had six while missing four starts with a rib injury and strong safety Mark Cotney was robust on run support. Curtis Jordan and Danny Reece are versatile backups.

to Chicago for Wally Chambers last year), McKay wanted to be more active at the selection table, and got a second and a third for Pear.

The Oakland second pick brought Tampa Outland trophy winner Greg Roberts of Oklahoma, whom McKay plans to use at right guard. His acquisition alone could offset the loss of Pear.



No. 89—John McKay Jr.

#### SPECIAL TEAMS

Punter Dave Green placed fifth in the NFC in both gross (40.9) and net (33.0) punting average. Placekicker Neil O'Donoghue made eight of his last 11 field goal attempts and was 13 for 23 for the season. Reece averaged 8.9 on punt returns while Ragsdale averaged 23.1 as a kickoff runner.

#### THE DRAFT

The Buccaneers took a real gamble in trading Dave Pear, the middle man in John McKay's three-man defensive front. He received several honors last year, including a spot on the Pro Bowl team, but with no first-round choice in this May's draft (it went

#### 1978 Season Results

##### TAMPA BAY (5-11)

13	*N.Y. Giants	19
7	*Detroit	15
16	Minnesota	10
14	*Atlanta	9
7	*Minnesota	24
30	Kansas City	13
14	N.Y. Giants	17
33	*Chicago	19
7	Green Bay	9
23	Los Angeles	26
23	Detroit	34
31	*Buffalo	10
3	Chicago	14
7	*Green Bay	17
3	San Francisco	6
10	*New Orleans	17
241		259

\*Home game

## 1979 ROSTER

### VETERANS

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	NFL Exp.	Birth-date	College
31	Anderson, Jerry	SS	5-11	195	2	10/27/53	Oklahoma
69	Austin, Darrell	G	6-4	250	5	11/5/51	South Carolina
42	Bell, Ricky	RB-FB	6-2	220	3	4/8/55	Southern California
39	Bolton, Andy	RB	6-1	205	4	5/23/54	Fisk
53	Bonness, Rik	LB	6-3	220	4	3/20/54	Nebraska
55	Brown, Aaron	LB	6-2	235	2	1/13/56	Ohio State
66	Brown, Booker	G	6-2	275	3	9/25/52	Southern California
34	Brown, Cedric	FS	6-2	200	3	5/6/54	Kent State
70	Carlton, Darryl	T	6-5	280	5	6/24/53	Tampa
44	Cesare, Billy	CB-S	5-11	190	2	6/2/55	Miami
60	Chambers, Wally	DE	6-6	250	6	5/15/51	Eastern Kentucky
33	Cotney, Mark	SS	6-0	205	5	6/26/52	Cameron State
71	Crowder, Randy	DT-DE	6-3	245	5	7/30/52	Penn State
82	Darby, Alvis	TE	6-5	225	2	9/14/54	Florida
38	Davis, Johnny	FB	6-1	235	2	7/17/56	Alabama
25	Davis, Tony	RB	5-10	212	4	1/21/53	Nebraska
35	DuBose, Jimmy	FB	5-11	220	4	10/25/54	Florida
41	Farmer, Dave	FB	6-0	205	2	5/20/54	Southern California
22	Farmer, Karl	S-CB	6-0	165	3	8/28/54	Pittsburgh
88	Giles, Jimmie	TE	6-3	240	3	11/8/54	Alcorn State
49	Gill, Randy	LB	6-2	230	2	8/1/56	San Jose State
4	Green, Dave	P	6-0	210	7	9/21/49	Ohio
81	Hagins, Ike	WR	5-9	180	3	3/2/54	Southern
73	Hannah, Charley	T	6-6	255	3	7/26/55	Alabama
52	Harris, Paul	LB	6-3	220	3	12/19/54	Alabama
64	Horton, Greg	G	6-4	245	4	1/1/51	Colorado
19	Huff, Gary	QB	6-1	200	7	4/27/51	Florida State
56	Johnson, Cecil	LB	6-2	230	3	8/19/55	Pittsburgh
65	Johnson, Randy	G	6-2	255	3	1/2/53	Georgia
25	Jordan, Curtis	CB-S	6-2	210	4	1/25/54	Texas Tech
77	Kollar, Bill	DE-DT	6-4	250	6	11/12/52	Montana State
83	Levenseller, Mike	WR	6-1	180	2	2/21/56	Washington State
57	Lewis, David	LB	6-4	240	3	10/15/54	Southern California
89	McKay, Johnny	WR	5-11	180	4	3/28/53	Southern California
67	Moritz, Brett	G	6-5	250	2	7/15/55	Nebraska
87	Mucker, Larry	WR	5-11	185	3	12/15/54	Arizona State
51	Nafziger, Dana	LB	6-1	225	3	10/26/53	Cal Poly-SLO
6	O'Donoghue, Neil	K	6-6	205	3	6/18/53	Auburn
86	Obradovich, Jim	TE	6-2	230	5	4/2/53	Southern California
51	O'Neal, Calvin	LB	6-1	235	2	10/6/54	Michigan
85	Owens, Morris	WR	6-0	200	5	2/14/53	Arizona State
72	Puetz, Gary	G	6-4	265	7	3/14/52	Valparaiso
15	Rae, Mike	QB	6-0	195	4	7/26/51	Southern California

COACHES: JOHN McKAY, Tom Bass, George Chaump, Wayne Fontes, Abe Giron, Bill Johnson, Phil Krueger, Bill Nelsen.

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	NFL Exp.	Birth-date	College
23	Ragsdale, George	RB	5-11	185	3	12/4/53	North Carolina A & T
75	Reavis, Dave	T	6-5	265	5	6/19/50	Arkansas
46	Reece, Danny	CB-S	5-11	190	4	1/28/55	Southern California
78	Schumacher, Kurt	G	6-3	255	5	12/26/52	Ohio State
58	Selmon, Dewey	LB	6-1	245	4	11/19/53	Oklahoma
63	Selmon, Lee Roy	DE	6-3	255	4	10/20/54	Oklahoma
40	Washington, Mike	CB	6-3	200	4	7/1/53	Alabama
45	White, Jeris	CB	5-11	180	6	9/3/52	Hawaii
12	Williams, Doug	QB	6-4	215	2	8/9/55	Grambling
50	Wilson, Steve	C	6-3	265	4	5/19/54	Georgia
62	Winans, Jeff	G	6-5	260	5	10/12/51	Southern California
54	Wood, Richard	LB	6-2	220	5	5/31/53	Southern California

### DRAFT CHOICES

Choice	Name	No. Selected	Pos.	College
1.	Choice to Chicago			
2.	ROBERTS, Greg from Baltimore	33	G	Oklahoma
	JONES, Gordon	34	WR	Pittsburgh
3.	ECKWOOD, Jerry from Baltimore	60	RB	Arkansas
	Choice to Miami			
	LEWIS, Reginald from Houston	78	DE	N. Texas State
	BERNS, Rick from Los Angeles through Washington, Miami and Oakland	80	RB	Nebraska
4.	Choice to Pittsburgh through Detroit			
5.	Choice to Buffalo			
	FUSINA, Chuck from Houston	133	QB	Penn State
6.	Choice to Oakland			
7.	Choice to Seattle through Washington			
8.	SANDERS, Eugene from Miami	217	DT	Texas A&M
	Choice to New York Jets			
9.	VEREEN, Henry	225	WR	Nevada-Las Vegas
10.	Choice to San Francisco			
11.	RIPPENTROP, Bob	281	TE	Fresno State
12.	LOGAN, Dave	307	DT	Pittsburgh



# LOS ANGELES RAMS

NATIONAL FOOTBALL CONFERENCE  
WESTERN DIVISION

**T**he Rams had a typical season in 1978. They won their sixth straight NFC West title but couldn't get to the Super Bowl, adding to their continuing frustration.

Otherwise, things were far from ordinary and tragedy struck last spring when owner Carroll Rosenbloom lost his life in the Florida surf. Rosenbloom was one of the NFL's most respected executives. His wife, Georgia, and son, Steve, now will make the major decisions with the club.

The season began shockingly when George Allen was fired by Rosenbloom after two preseason games. Ray Malavasi was appointed his successor and the long-time NFL assistant coached the Rams to a 12-4 regular season record.

Allen, in his second tour as head coach with Los Angeles, was ostensibly fired because he couldn't work with management within the framework of the organization.

It was a season in which the Rams lost one valued running back after another. First, Elvis Peacock, a first draft choice, went down with a knee injury in preseason. Three weeks later, fast Wendell Tyler was lost with the same type injury. Lawrence McCutcheon, the club's all-time rushing leader (5943 yards) missed the first half of the season with a torn thigh muscle, then the last three regular season games and the playoffs with a torn hamstring.

And finally, reliable John Cappelletti suffered a shoulder separation in the first quarter of the NFC championship game with Dallas. Perhaps the Rams couldn't beat the Cowboys with Cappy, but they certainly couldn't beat them without him—losing, 28-0, after a scoreless first half.

The Rams are criticized because they don't win the big one, ridiculed by their own fans for a conservative offense (it was sixth best in the league) and quarterback Pat Haden has been labeled too small and doesn't have a strong enough passing arm to lead the club into the Super Bowl.

Yet, year in and year out, the Rams are one of the league's most successful franchises. The Chinese calendar says that 1979 is "The Year of The Ram." With a few breaks, it could be.

## OFFENSE

**Quarterbacks**—Haden (5-11, 180), the former Rhodes Scholar from Southern Cal, has led the Rams into the playoffs the past three years. But 1979 was the first season he came to camp knowing the job was his. His statistics weren't as impressive as they were in 1978 but he was learning a new system and his performance was hindered by receivers dropping passes and running the wrong routes. The bottom line on Haden is that he is a good enough quarterback to guide the Rams to the title. Whatever physical deficiencies he might have (and those are exaggerated) are compensated by his leadership and intelligence. Vince Ferragamo,

more physically imposing, will be Haden's backup again.

**Running backs**—The Rams always have been deep in running backs and this depth was needed last year when injuries decimated the ranks. Cullen Bryant, a 235-pounder, moved in and became the club's leading rusher with 658 yards, a 3.7 average and seven touchdowns. He's not a nifty runner, but a dependable one. Cappelletti added 604 yards and three TDs. Reserves were Jim Jodan and Anthony Davis, acquired as a free agent for the last two games. But the Rams do need the outside speed of Tyler and Peacock. And, of course, they need McCutcheon, one of the NFL's most underrated runners when healthy.

**Receivers**—The Rams have quality depth in this department. Ron Jessie and Willie Miller were the outside regulars. Jessie caught 49 passes for 752 yards and Miller held 50 for 767. The former Viet Nam war veteran replaced Billy Waddy, who was injured in the second game and was sidelined for five weeks. Others were free-agent Preston Denard and Dwight Scales. Terry Nelson was the regular tight end and he caught 23 passes for 344 yards. Charlie Young, a former all-pro with Philadelphia, filled in when Nelson missed three games with an ankle injury. He caught 18 passes for 213 yards.

**Offensive line**—Four members of the offensive line—guards Tom Mack and Dennis Harrah and tackle Doug France and center Rich Saul—played in the Pro Bowl. All will return with the exception of Mack, who retired after

13 distinguished seasons. Jackie Slater, a backup tackle, will contest for Mack's position along with Doug Smith and Ed Fulton. Kent Hill (6-5, 260), a first-round pick from Georgia Tech, is expected to supply depth at right tackle behind veteran John Williams. This is one of L.A.'s strongest units.

## DEFENSE

Defense long has been a staple of the Rams starting with Allen (1966-70), continuing through Chuck Knox (1973-77) and finally with Malavasi, a highly respected defensive coordinator when he was Knox's aide. Malavasi's Rams were No. 1 defensively in the league. You can't get any better.

**Front four**—The Rams are renowned for their defensive lines and Jack Youngblood and Freddie Dryer, rushing from the outside, and Larry Brooks and Cody Jones, applying the inside thrust, continue this tradition. Brooks played with a bad knee in '78, one that required surgery. Mike Fanning filled in for him late in the season. Youngblood and Brooks have been recognized as all-pros while Dryer is one of the quickest defensive ends in the game. The sixth rusher is young Reggie Doss.

**Linebackers**—Jim Youngblood (no relation to Jack) had split time for several seasons on the left side and the middle. He stayed on the left side last year and had an outstanding season with a team-high 80 unassisted tackles. Youngblood and dedicated middle backer, Jack Reynolds, were named co-Rams MVPs by the Ye Olde Rams, an "alumni"



No. 85—Jack Youngblood

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group. Bob Brudzinski, a 1977 first-round draft choice, took away Isiah Robertson's outside job at midseason. Robertson was a discontented player and is expected to be traded. Backups are Carl Ekern, Kevin McLain and Lance Fralick. This position apparently was strengthened by Nebraska's George Andrews, the No. 1 choice, who is comparable physically (6-3, 226) to Brudzinski.

Secondary—Monte Jackson, an all-pro cornerback, asked to be traded in training camp for unspecified reasons and his request was granted. He was sent to Oakland in exchange for three draft choices (a first, a second and a third). But Jackson wasn't missed very much. Rod Perry replaced him

and joined with Pat Thomas to form one of the best corner combinations in the league. Each had eight interceptions and played in the Pro Bowl. Free safety Bill Simpson has been traded to Buffalo, leaving talented Nolan Cromwell to join with veteran strong safety Dave Elmendorf. Malavasi has capable backups in Jackie Wallace and Eddie Brown. This was once the Rams' weakest unit. It isn't now.

#### SPECIAL TEAMS

Placekicker Frank Corral will be challenged to match his rookie season. The former UCLA player led the NFL in scoring, had a league-leading 29 of 43 field goals and won three games for the Rams with last-second kicks. Glen Walker's punting average improved from 35.0 to 37.2 and 26 of his kicks were inside the opponent's 20-yard line. Wallace was the NFC's leading punt runner (11.9 average). Larry Marshall, Eddie Brown and Anthony Davis will help the return game.

#### THE DRAFT

The Rams for years have had a tendency to stockpile draft choices, and the policy has given them a well-distributed depth and a consistent entree to the annual playoffs. This year, the Rams, for all their frustration against Dallas in the playoffs, didn't appear on paper to be terribly weak anywhere, so adding depth through a generous helping of selections was the way they went, and prob-

ably is the way they will go in the upcoming years.

Andrews was drafted in anticipation of the trading of controversial linebacker Isiah Robertson, Kent Hill will be trained for the day veteran John Williams retires, Eddie Hill will help prevent the kind of disaster that hit the Rams ball carriers through injuries in '78, and even ninth-round choice Jeff Rutledge may make the team as a third quarterback, barring a trade for a veteran. The Rams draft well and trade well.



HC—Ray Malavasi

#### 1978 Season Results

##### LOS ANGELES (12-4)

16	Philadelphia	14
10	*Atlanta	0
27	*Dallas	14
10	Houston	6
26	New Orleans	20
27	*San Francisco	10
34	Minnesota	17
3	*New Orleans	10
7	Atlanta	15
26	*Tampa Bay	23
10	*Pittsburgh	7
31	San Francisco	28
19	Cleveland	30
20	N.Y. Giants	17
19	*Cincinnati	20
31	*Green Bay	14
316		245

\*Home game

## 1979 ROSTER

### VETERANS

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	NFL Exp.	Birth-date	College
90	Brooks, Larry	DT	6-3	254	8	6/10/50	Va. State-Petersburg
25	Brown, Eddie	S-KR	5-11	190	5	2/19/52	Tennessee
59	Brudzinski, Bob	LB	6-4	221	3	1/1/55	Ohio State
32	Bryant, Cullen	FB	6-1	234	7	5/20/51	Colorado
22	Cappelletti, John	FB	6-1	220	6	8/9/52	Penn State
3	Corral, Frank	K	6-2	220	2	6/16/55	UCLA
21	Cromwell, Nolan	S	6-1	197	3	1/30/55	Kansas
66	Dunstan, Bill	DE	6-4	250	6	1/3/49	Utah State
28	Davis, Anthony	RB-KR	5-9	187	3	9/8/52	Southern California
88	Dennard, Preston	WR	6-1	185	2	11/28/55	New Mexico
71	Doss, Reggie	DE	6-4	267	2	12/7/56	Hampton Institute
89	Dryer, Fred	DE	6-6	230	11	7/6/46	San Diego State
55	Ekern, Carl	LB	6-3	223	4	5/27/54	San Jose State
42	Elmendorf, Dave	S	6-1	196	9	6/20/49	Texas A & M
79	Fanning, Mike	DT	6-6	248	5	2/2/53	Notre Dame
15	Ferragamo, Vince	QB	6-3	207	3	4/24/54	Nebraska
77	France, Doug	T	6-5	288	5	4/26/53	Ohio State
68	Fulton, Ed	G	6-3	250	2	1/27/55	Maryland
11	Haden, Pat	QB	5-11	180	4	1/23/53	Southern California
60	Harrah, Dennis	G	6-5	251	5	3/9/53	Miami
81	Jessie, Ron	WR	6-0	181	9	2/4/48	Kansas
43	Jodat, Jim	FB-KR	5-11	207	3	3/3/54	Carthage
76	Jones, Cody	DT	6-5	244	6	5/3/51	San Jose State
44	Marshall, Larry	KR	5-10	195	8	3/2/50	Maryland
30	McCutcheon, L	RB	6-1	205	7	6/2/50	Colorado State
50	McLain, Kevin	LB	6-2	227	4	9/15/54	Colorado State
82	Miller, Willie	WR	5-9	172	4	4/26/48	Colorado State
83	Nelson, Terry	TE	6-2	241	6	5/20/51	Arkansas AM & N
33	O'Steen, Dwayne	CB	6-1	190	2	12/20/54	San Jose State
49	Perry, Rod	CB	5-9	177	5	9/11/53	Colorado
39	Phillips, Rod	FB	6-0	221	5	12/23/52	Jackson State
64	Reynolds, Jack	LB	6-1	231	10	11/22/47	Tennessee
91	Roan, Oscar	TE	6-6	215	5	10/17/51	Southern Methodist
58	Robertson, Isiah	LB	6-3	224	9	8/17/49	Southern
54	Ryczek, Dan	C	6-3	245	7	8/24/49	Virginia
61	Saul, Rich	C	6-3	243	10	2/5/48	Michigan State
87	Scales, Dwight	WR	6-2	182	4	5/30/53	Grambling
78	Slater, Jackie	G-T	6-4	269	4	5/27/54	Jackson State
56	Smith, Doug	C-G	6-3	250	2	11/25/56	Bowling Green
84	Smith, Ron	WR	6-0	185	2	11/20/56	San Diego State

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	NFL Exp.	Birth-date	College
27	Thomas, Pat	CB	5-9	184	4	9/1/54	Texas A&M
26	Tyler, Wendall	RB-KR	5-10	188	2	5/20/55	UCLA
80	Waddy, Billy	WR-KR	5-11	180	3	2/19/54	Colorado
19	Walker, Glen	P	6-1	207	3	1/16/52	Southern California
20	Wallace, Jackie	S-KR	6-3	196	6	3/13/51	Arizona
75	Williams, John	T	6-3	256	12	10/27/45	Minnesota
86	Young, Charle	TE	6-4	234	7	2/5/51	Southern California
85	Youngblood, Jack	DE	6-4	243	9	1/26/50	Florida
53	Youngblood, Jim	LB	6-3	231	7	2/23/50	Tennessee Tech

### DRAFT CHOICES

Choice	Name	No. Selected	Pos.	College
1.	ANDREWS, George from Oakland	19	LB	Nebraska
	HILL, Kent	26	T	Georgia Tech
2.	HILL, Eddie	54	RB	Memphis State
3.	MOORE, Jeff from Kansas City	58	WR	Tennessee
3.	WELLMAN, Mike from New England Choice to Tampa Bay through Washington, Miami and Oakland	81	C	Kansas
4.	TUCKER, Derwin from San Diego	99	DB	Illinois
	WILKINSON, Jerry	108	DT	Oregon State
5.	Choice forfeited			
	HICKS, Victor from Cleveland	122	TE	Oklahoma
6.	Choice to Cleveland			
7.	DELANEY, Jeff	190	DB	Pittsburgh
8.	Choice to Kansas City			
9.	RUTLEDGE, Jeff	246	QB	Alabama
10.	WILLIS, Larry from Oakland	268	WR	Alcorn State
	EBENBERGER, Grady	273	DT	Houston
11.	DERAMUS, Jesse	301	DT	Tennessee State
12.	HILL, Drew	328	WR	Georgia Tech

COACHES: RAY MALAVASI, Bud Carson, Jack Faulkner, Bill Hickman, Paul Lanham, Frank Lauterbur, Dan Radakovich, Lionel Taylor, LaVern Torgeson, Clyde Evans.

# **ATLANTA FALCONS**

## **NATIONAL FOOTBALL CONFERENCE WESTERN DIVISION**

**I**t's not likely that the Atlanta Falcons will repeat their near miracle antics of the 1978 season when they won six of their games with less than two minutes remaining.

But thrills or no thrills, Leeman Bennett has turned a perennial losing franchise into a solid team, which, with a few breaks, could challenge the Rams in the NFC West.

The Falcons improved on their 7-7 record in 1977 with a 9-7 mark in 1978 and that enabled them to get to the playoffs for the first time in the franchise's history.

They won their opener in the postseason tournament in typical fashion—a come-from-behind, late 14-13 victory over Philadelphia before being eliminated by Dallas, 27-20.

Atlanta's strengths and weaknesses are obvious. The Falcons, with their Grits Blitz, are one of the NFL's best defensive teams and were fifth ranked overall in the league.

The offense, especially the running game which was 27th rated, still needs to be upgraded. But the most encouraging sign was the way quarterback Steve Bartkowski, the 1975 No. 1 draft choice, took command after being hampered by injuries and going through some soul-searching of his own.

"We were delighted with the growth of Steve last season," Bennett says. "He achieved a maturity that can only come with experience. He has paid his dues and deserves the success he enjoyed."

Bennett isn't ready to say that the Falcons will be a regular entry in the playoffs, but he's encouraged.

"We're building and we still have a long way to go," he said. "The greatest change has been the turnaround in attitude among the players. We now feel that we always will find a way to win a game regardless of the odds."

### **OFFENSE**

**Quarterbacks**—Bartkowski became the regular quarterback after the Falcons got off to a 1-3 start behind June Jones III. He completed 50.7% of his passes for 2489 yards while trying to direct an offense that didn't have much of a running game. Consequently, opponents teed off on him and he was sacked 39 times for 349 yards lost. Jones was trapped 17 times for a 132-yard deficit. Bartkowski, at 6-3 and 213, has the physical tools. But he's not quick and needs to be protected. Jones has starting experience and veteran Scott Hunter is a former starter.

**Running backs**—Even though Atlanta made only 1659 yards on the ground in a 16-game season, Bennett was pleased with the development of Bubba Bean, who was sidelined in 1977 with an injury. Bean, a No. 1 pick in 1976, rushed for 707 yards, a 3.7 average. Haskel Stanback, a workman-like back, added 586. Rookie Ricky Patton showed some promise with 206 yards gained.

But the Falcons don't have enough quality runners. Perhaps, the third, fourth- and fifth-round draft choices—James Mayberry of Col-

orado, William Andrews of Auburn and Lynn Cain of Southern Cal—will supply some relief.

**Receivers**—The Falcons apparently are set at this position. Outside receivers Wallace Francis and Billy Ryckman are coming off commendable seasons and Alfred Jenkins, who missed all of 1978 with a shoulder injury, will join them. Jenkins was the club's top receiver for three years. Francis caught 45 passes for 695 yards, including the 37-yard pass from Bartkowski that beat the Eagles in the playoffs with 1:39 remaining. Ryckman also had 45 receptions. There were no signs that tight end Jim Mitchell, now in his 10th season, was slowing down last year. He caught 32 passes for 366 yards and Bennett says he is one of the better blocking tight ends in the league. Others are James Wright, hampered by a sprained ankle last season as a rookie, and Lewis Gilbert.

**Offensive line**—Three years ago, the Falcons didn't have one starter in the offensive line higher than a sixth-round draft choice. Now the starters are all third-round choices or higher excepting center Jeff Van Note, the established leader of the younger players. Warren Bryant, a No. 1 in 1977, and Mike

Kenn, a No. 1 in 1978, are the tackles. Bryant, however, is coming back from a knee injury that forced him to miss the final four games of the regular season. The guards, R.C. Thielemann and Dave Scott, are also young and highly regarded. And another good young prospect has been added—USC Trojan All-American Pat Howell, a second-round choice. Backups are Phil McKinnely, Marv Montgomery and Brent Adams.

### **DEFENSE**

**Front four**—There are no colorful nicknames such as "Fearsome Foursome" or "Steel Curtain" to identify the Atlanta front four. However, ends Jeff Yeates (who replaced the dispatched Claude Humphrey) and Jeff Merrow and tackles Jim Bailey and Mike Lewis along with swingman Wilson Fautuina were effective. The Falcons were expected to draft a running back on the first round. But Otis Anderson, Ted Brown and Eddie Lee Ivey were gone by the time Atlanta drafted. So Bennett took the best athlete on the board by his calculations—defensive end Don Smith of Miami, Florida. Bennett, a defensive-minded coach, wants to make his front four even stronger.



No. 10—Steve Bartkowski

PHOTO BY GEORGE GOJKOVICH



No. 68—R.C. Thielemann

Linebackers—This group caused confusion among rival offenses with their blitzing style of play in 1978 and helped account for 47 QB sacks. Greg Brezina, 33, was the inspirational leader on the outside. He was the Falcon MVP with a team-leading 10 sacks. The other outside backer, Fulton Kuykendall, was called "Captain Crazy" for his reckless style of play. He led the team in tackles. Middle man Robert Pennywell is less flamboyant but a quiet, all-out type of competitor. Dewey McClain played almost as much as the start-

ers, coming in on passing situations. The entire team was shocked and saddened by the death of reserve linebacker Andy Spiva in the off-season. He was killed in an automobile accident that also left another linebacker, Garth Ten Napel, in critical condition.

Secondary—Because of the blitzing style of the Falcon defense, the secondary was forced into man-to-man coverage and responded splendidly. This was accomplished without free safety Ray Easterling, who was lost in the second game with a dislocated elbow. Tom Pridemore, a ninth-round rookie, filled in and eventually was able to hold his own. Strong safety Frank Reed, a newcomer at the position, improved game by game. Rolland Lawrence, who has intercepted 28 passes over the past four years, and Rick Byas (both free agents) were dependable players in a unit that was ninth ranked in the league on pass defense.

#### SPECIAL TEAMS

Tim Mazetti, the former bartender, provided the human interest story of the year for pro football fans. He replaced Fred Steinfort at midseason and led all NFC placekickers in accuracy—13 of 16 field goals. But it wasn't how many he made, but when they came—final play kicks that provided victories over San Francisco and Washington and five against L.A. in a 15-7 Monday night victory. Punter John James, an all-pro in recent years, slumped to a 34.0 net average but Bennett is confident that James will regain his 1977 form.

#### THE DRAFT

Bennett had said he wanted a class running back as his top man, but the Falcons played so well last year that they had no chance to draft as high as they are accustomed to doing, so they found some of their hopefuls gone—like Anderson, Alexander, Ivory and Brown. So, instead, the Falcons went for two class players at other positions, tackle Don Smith and guard Pat Howell, on their first two picks.

With that out of the way, the concentration was back to running backs, and they took three in a row, hoping for the big one. 🐐

#### 1978 Season Results

##### ATLANTA (9-7)

20	*Houston	14
0	Los Angeles	10
16	*Cleveland	24
9	Tampa Bay	14
23	*N.Y. Giants	20
7	Pittsburgh	31
14	*Detroit	0
20	San Francisco	17
15	*Los Angeles	7
21	*San Francisco	10
20	New Orleans	17
7	Chicago	13
20	*New Orleans	17
7	Cincinnati	37
20	*Washington	17
21	St. Louis	42
240		290

\*Home game

## 1979 ROSTER

### VETERANS

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	NFL Exp.	Birth-date	College
61	Adams, Brent	T	6-5	256	4	6/2/52	Tennessee-Chattanooga
72	Bailey, Jim	DT	6-5	260	10	6/9/48	Kansas
10	Bartkowski, Steve	QB	6-4	213	5	11/12/52	California
44	Bean, Bubba	RB	5-11	195	3	1/26/54	Texas A&M
50	Brezina, Greg	LB	6-1	221	12	1/7/46	Houston
66	Bryant, Warren	T	6-6	270	3	11/11/55	Kentucky
38	Byas, Rick	S	5-9	180	6	10/19/50	Wayne State
97	Cabral, Brian	LB	6-0	209	1	6/23/56	Colorado
32	Easterling, Ray	S	6-0	192	7	9/3/49	Richmond
26	Esposito, Mike	RB	6-0	183	4	4/24/53	Boston College
74	Faumina, Wilson	DT	6-5	275	3	8/11/54	San Jose State
77	Fields, Edgar	DT-DE	6-2	255	3	3/10/54	Texas A&M
89	Francis, Wallace	WR	5-11	190	7	11/7/51	Arkansas AM&N
40	Franklin, George	RB	6-3	226	2	7/5/54	Texas A&I
88	Gilbert, Lewis	TE	6-4	225	2	5/24/56	Florida
36	Glazebrook, Bob	S-CB	6-1	200	2	3/7/56	Fresno State
16	Hunter, Scott	QB	6-2	205	9	11/19/47	Alabama
85	Jackson, Alfred	WR	5-11	176	2	8/3/55	Texas
30	Jackson, Ernie	CB	5-10	176	8	4/11/50	Duke
6	James, John	P	6-3	200	8	1/21/49	Florida
84	Jenkins, Alfred	WR	5-10	172	4	1/25/52	Morris Brown
14	Jones, June	QB	6-4	200	3	2/19/53	Portland State
78	Kenn, Mike	T	6-6	257	2	2/9/56	Michigan
54	Kuykendall, Fulton	LB	6-5	225	5	6/10/53	UCLA
22	Lawrence, Rolland	CB	5-10	179	7	3/24/51	Tabor
69	Lewis, Mike	DT	6-4	261	9	7/14/49	Arkansas AM&N
4	Mazetti, Tim	K	6-1	175	2	2/1/56	Pennsylvania
56	McCartney, Ron	LB	6-1	220	3	7/29/54	Tennessee
52	McClain, Dewey	LB	6-3	236	4	4/25/54	East Central Oklahoma
73	McKinney, Phil	T	6-4	248	4	7/8/54	UCLA
75	Morrow, Jeff	DE	6-4	230	5	7/11/53	West Virginia
86	Mitchell, Jim	TE	6-1	236	11	10/19/47	Prairie View
71	Montgomery, Marv	T	6-6	255	9	2/8/48	Southern California
45	Moriarty, Tom	S	6-0	185	3	4/7/53	Bowling Green
33	Patton, Ricky	RB	5-11	185	2	4/6/54	Jackson State
81	Pearson, Dennis	WR	5-11	177	2	2/9/55	San Diego State
59	Pennywell, Robert	LB	6-1	222	4	11/6/54	Grambling

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	NFL Exp.	Birth-date	College
27	Pridemore, Tom	S	5-10	186	2	4/29/56	West Virginia
28	Reed, Frank	CB	5-11	193	4	5/13/54	Washington
82	Ryckman, Billy	WR	5-11	172	3	2/28/55	Louisiana Tech
53	Ryczek, Paul	C	6-2	230	6	6/25/52	Virginia
70	Scott, Dave	T	6-4	285	4	12/26/53	Kansas
24	Stanback, Haskel	RB	6-0	210	6	3/19/52	Tennessee
58	Stewart, Steve	LB	6-2	217	2	5/1/56	Minnesota
25	Strong, Ray	RB	5-9	184	2	5/7/56	Nevada-Las Vegas
96	Ten Napel, Garth	LB	6-1	215	3	3/27/54	Texas A&M
68	Thielemann, R.C.	G	6-4	257	3	8/12/55	Arkansas
57	Van Note, Jeff	C	6-2	247	11	2/7/46	Kentucky
83	Wright, James	TE	6-3	240	2	9/1/56	Texas Christian
79	Yeates, Jeff	DT	6-3	248	7	8/3/51	Boston College

### DRAFT CHOICES

Choice	Name	No. Selected	Pos.	College
1.	SMITH, Don	17	DE	Miami
2.	HOWELL, Pat	49	G	Southern California
3.	MAYBERRY, James	75	RB	Colorado
	ANDREWS, William	79	RB	Auburn
	from Miami			
4.	CAIN, Lynn	100	RB	Southern California
	from Philadelphia			
	JOHNSON, Charles	101	DB	Grambling
5.	ZELE, Mike	127	DT	Kent State
6.	MOROSKI, Mike	154	QB	Cal-Davis
7.	WESTLUND, Roger	186	T	Washington
8.	MILLER, Keith	212	LB	N.E. Oklahoma
9.	PARKINS, Dave	239	DB	Utah State
10.	BEEKLEY, Bruce	266	LB	Oregon
11.	LEER, Bill	292	C	Colorado State
12.	WALKER, Stuart	323	LB	Colorado

COACHES: LEEMAN BENNETT, Jim Champion, Jerry Glanville, Mike McDonnell, John North, Ted Plumb, Doug Shively, Bill Walsh, Dick Wood.





# NEW ORLEANS SAINTS

## NATIONAL FOOTBALL CONFERENCE WESTERN DIVISION

**A**fter 12 years of bad trades, bad management and many coaching changes, finally the Saints are marching in.

New Orleans, under new head coach Dick Nolan, probably isn't ready to challenge Los Angeles, the perennial NFC West champion, but could make it interesting.

Consider this:

—The Saints had a 7-9 record in 1978, the best record since the club was formed in 1967. If it weren't for two last-second losses to Atlanta, New Orleans would have been 9-7 for the season.

—New Orleans won four games on the road to equal their (total) road wins for 1974 through 1977. And they beat the Rams (10-3) for the first time in Los Angeles.

—The Saints improved from 21st in total offense in 1977 to eighth and advanced from 25th in total defense to 15th.

—And, Archie Manning, a beleaguered, injury-hexed quarterback in other years, had an outstanding season. He was the No. 2 rated passer behind Dallas' Roger Staubach in the NFC.

Nolan, a winning coach at San Francisco in the early '70s, is a quiet leader who restored some semblance of order to this once forlorn franchise.

He installed the flex defense—that he learned under Tom Landry as an assistant at Dallas—and the Saints allowed opponents an average of only 15.4 points the last 10 games.

The Saints running game wasn't much last year—12th in the NFC—but Nolan expects improvement with the return of three starting linemen who were lost because of injuries.

Yes, Al Hirt may have something to blow about after all.

### OFFENSE

Quarterbacks—Manning, 6-3, 200, who probably has been the NFL's most frustrated quarterback for several years because of injuries and lack of support, did what everyone knew he was capable of doing. He played practically every down of every game, called his own plays and completed 61.8% of his passes (second in the NFL) for 3416 yards. And he had a super day against the Super Bowl champion Steelers when he passed for 344 yards. Manning's backup is highly regarded Bobby Scott, who challenged Manning for the starting position for many years.

Running backs—Nolan is convinced that Chuck Muncie and Tony Galbreath are as fine a pair of running backs as exist in the NFL. But Muncie was hurt last year and rushed for 575 yards—after previous totals of 652 and 811. A knee injury knocked him out for most of five games. Galbreath set a Saints' pass receiving record with 74 catches, second best in the league. He also rushed for 635 yards. Mike Strachan is a valuable third back. Nolan reasons that the Saints' running game will improve with the

improved health of Muncie and the offensive line. Harlan Huckleby, a fifth-round choice from Michigan, could bolster the depth.

Receivers—Manning has many inviting targets including a fine group of wide receivers—Ike Harris, Tinker Owens, Wes Chandler and Rich Mauti. The Saints' outside receivers caught only 48 passes in 1977. This total jumped to 123 in '78. Harris, obtained from St. Louis, had 40 catches for 590 yards and Owens also held 40 for 441 yards. Chandler, the No. 1 draft choice out of Florida, contributed with 35 catches for 472 yards. Then, there was the big-play tight end, Henry Childs, who caught 53 passes (most among NFC tight ends) for 869 yards and a 16.4-yard average. "If we had 100 big plays, I bet Henry figured in 90," says Nolan. Two 1978 rookies back up Childs—Larry Hardy and Brooks Williams.

Offensive line—Starting guards Conrad Dobler and Emanuel Zanders and right tackle John Watson went down with early-season knee injuries in '78, thus promoting guards Dave Lafary and Fred Sturt and tackle Robert Woods. Only center John Hill and left tackle J.T. Taylor played the entire season. Hill is highly regarded and Taylor, a second-round pick from Missouri, made the all-rookie team. Despite the personnel changes, sacks against New Orleans dropped to 37 in 1978 after totals of 51 and 46 the previous two years. Tackle Roger Finnie, formerly with St. Louis, may provide some quality depth.

### DEFENSE

Front four—Raw talent but inexperienced. This is Nolan's assessment of his defensive

line. And they're still learning the flex or picket fence defense as popularized by the Cowboys. The ends are strong Elois Grooms and Joe Campbell with ex-Dolphin Don Reese a strong challenger. Elex Price, coming off his best season, and Derland Moore, who recovered from two knee operations last year, are the tackles. Price led all NFC interior linemen with 104 tackles, 82 unassisted. He also had seven sacks and forced four fumbles. Grooms and Campbell each had seven sacks of the Saints' 33. Others are Mike Fultz and Barry Bennett.

Linebackers—The Saints have an outstanding middle backer in Joe Federspiel and experienced outside backers in Jim Merlo and Pat Hughes, but Hughes, in his 10th season, is nearing the end of his career. So Nolan drafted linebackers Reggie Mathis of Oklahoma and Jim Kovach of Kentucky on the second and fourth rounds. Federspiel tied his own Saints' record for most tackles in '78. He had 157, 115 unassisted. Strongside backer Merlo made 97, 71 unassisted, and intercepted three passes. Hughes had 87 tackles, 66 unassisted with two interceptions. With former 49er Skip Vanderbunt now retired, reserves are Floyd Rice and Ron Crosby.

Secondary—The Saints ranked 13th in the NFL on pass defense and Nolan wants to improve on that figure. Free safety Tommy Myers and strong safety Ray Brown are respected players at their positions. The cornerbacks, Maurice Spencer and Clarence Chapman, are relatively young pros. Myers had the most productive season of his 7-year career with six interceptions for 167 yards and 127 tackles, 91 unassisted.



HC—Dick Nolan, No. 58—Joe Federspiel



No. 8—Archie Manning

Brown, the former Falcon, had four interceptions and 121 tackles, 78 unassisted. Spencer picked off four passes and Chapman stole two and deflected 24. Reserves include Don Schwartz, Eric Felton, Ralph McGill and Jimmy Stewart.

#### SPECIAL TEAMS

Rich Szaro was sidelined most of 1978 with a pulled muscle and the Saints made only 12 of 23 field goals. Steve Mike-Mayer finished the year with 6 of 13. So Nolan did something about it. He made Russell Erxleben

en of Texas—a punter-placekicker-kickoff man—his first draft choice. Erxleben will be challenging everyone, including punter Tom Blanchard, who ranked third in the NFC with a 42.0 average.

#### THE DRAFT

There have been kicking specialists drafted on the first round in the past who didn't pan out, like Steve Little of the Cardinals. But Ray Guy did, and the Raiders never have regretted having spent a valuable first-round

position on a mere punter who also kicks off. Guy is worth every ounce of drafting power spent on him.

The Saints may have come up with an even better kicking choice in last May's first round in Russ Erxleben, who punts, kicks off and boots prodigious field goals. If there is no hang-up, psychologically, in making the college-to-pro transition, Erxleben, as a triple special teams threat, could exceed the individual value of all but a mere handful of first choices selected by anybody in the past several years.



No. 34—Tony Galbreath

#### 1978 Season Results

##### NEW ORLEANS (7-9)

31	*Minnesota	24
17	Green Bay	28
17	*Philadelphia	24
20	Cincinnati	18
20	*Los Angeles	26
16	*Cleveland	24
14	San Francisco	7
10	Los Angeles	3
28	*N.Y. Giants	17
14	Pittsburgh	20
17	*Atlanta	20
7	Dallas	27
17	Atlanta	20
24	*San Francisco	13
12	*Houston	17
17	Tampa Bay	10
281		298

\*Home game

## 1979 ROSTER

### VETERANS

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	NFL Exp.	Birth-date	College
77	Anderson, Gary	G	6-3	250	2	9/22/55	Stanford
63	Bennett, Barry	DT	6-4	257	2	2/10/56	Concordia
16	Blanchard, Tom	P	6-0	180	9	5/28/49	Oregon
50	Bordelon, Ken	LB	6-4	226	3	8/26/54	Louisiana State
27	Brown, Ray	S	6-2	202	9	1/12/49	West Texas State
59	Burks, Ray	LB	6-2	218	2	3/9/55	UCLA
11	Burns, Ed	QB	6-3	210	2	12/7/54	Nebraska
73	Campbell, Joe	DE	6-6	254	3	5/8/55	Maryland
89	Chandler, Wes	WR	5-11	186	2	8/22/56	Florida
24	Chapman, Clarence	CB	5-10	185	4	12/10/53	Eastern Michigan
85	Childs, Henry	TE	6-2	220	6	4/16/51	Kansas State
51	Crosby, Ron	LB	6-3	225	3	3/2/55	Penn State
76	Darrow, Barry	T	6-7	260	6	6/27/50	Montana
66	Dobler, Conrad	G	6-3	255	8	10/1/50	Wyoming
63	Finnie, Roger	T	6-3	260	11	11/6/45	Florida A & M
58	Federspiel, Joe	LB	6-2	230	8	5/6/50	Kentucky
20	Felton, Eric	CB	6-0	200	2	10/8/55	Texas Tech
69	Fifer, Bill	G	6-4	250	2	10/26/55	West Texas State
72	Fultz, Mike	DT	6-5	278	3	1/28/54	Nebraska
34	Galbreath, Tony	FB	6-1	230	4	1/29/54	Missouri
78	Grooms, Elois	DE	6-4	250	5	5/20/53	Tennessee Tech
87	Hardy, Larry	TE	6-3	230	2	7/9/56	Jackson State
82	Harris, Ike	WR	6-3	210	5	11/27/52	Iowa State
62	Hill, John	C	6-2	246	8	4/16/50	Lehigh
45	Holmes, Jack	RB	5-11	210	2	6/20/53	Texas Southern
54	Hughes, Pat	LB	6-2	225	10	6/2/47	Boston
32	Jones, Kim	FB	6-4	235	4	1/19/52	Colorado State
64	Lefary, Dave	G	6-7	280	3	1/13/55	Purdue
8	Manning, Archie	QB	6-3	200	9	5/19/49	Mississippi
84	Mauti, Rich	WR	6-0	190	3	5/25/54	Penn State
49	McGill, Ralph	FS	5-11	178	8	4/28/50	Tulsa
57	Merlo, Jim	LB	6-1	220	6	10/3/51	Stanford
70	Meseroli, Mark	T	6-5	270	2	7/22/55	Florida State
10	Mike-Mayer, Steve	K	6-0	180	5	9/8/47	Maryland
74	Moore, Derland	DT	6-4	253	7	10/7/51	Oklahoma
42	Muncie, Chuck	RB	6-3	220	4	3/17/53	California
37	Myers, Tom	FB	6-0	180	8	10/24/50	Syracuse

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	NFL Exp.	Birth-date	College
83	Owens, Tinker	WR	5-11	170	3	10/3/54	Oklahoma
75	Price, Elex	DT	6-3	265	7	8/11/50	Alcorn State
60	Reese, Don	DE	6-6	250	5	9/4/51	Jackson State
55	Rice, Floyd	LB	6-3	225	9	8/31/49	Alcorn State
48	Schwartz, Don	S	6-1	191	2	2/24/56	Washington State
12	Scott, Bobby	QB	6-1	197	8	4/2/49	Tennessee
29	Spencer, Maurice	CB	6-0	176	5	6/15/52	North Carolina Central
26	Stewart, Jimmy	S	5-11	190	2	10/15/54	Tulsa
33	Strachan, Mike	RB	6-0	200	5	5/24/53	Iowa State
68	Sturt, Fred	G	6-4	255	5	1/6/51	Bowling Green
15	Szaro, Rich	K	5-11	204	5	3/7/48	Harvard
71	Taylor, J.T.	T	6-4	265	2	8/12/56	Missouri
35	Van Wagner, J.	RB	6-0	202	2	5/3/55	Michigan Tech
30	Wesson, Ricky	DB	5-10	175	2	6/29/55	Southern Methodist
67	Watson, John	T	6-4	244	9	1/11/49	Oklahoma
61	Watson, Mike	T	6-6	275	2	10/27/55	Miami
88	Williams, Brooks	TE	6-4	226	2	12/7/54	North Carolina
65	Woods, Robert	G	6-4	259	7	7/26/50	Tennessee State
79	Zanders, Emanuel	G	6-1	248	6	7/31/51	Jackson State

### DRAFT CHOICES

Choice	Name	No. Selected	Pos.	College
1.	ERXLEBEN, Russell	11	K-P	Texas
2.	MATHIS, Reggie	38	LB	Oklahoma
3.	Choice to Miami			
4.	KOVACH, Jim	93	LB	Kentucky
5.	HUCKLEBY, Harlan	120	RB	Michigan
6.	RAY, Ricky	146	DB	Norfolk State
7.	SYTSMA, Stan	176	LB	Minnesota
8.	PANFIL, Doug	202	G	Tulsa
9.	Choice to Kansas City			
10.	Choice to Oakland			
11.	HALL, David	285	WR	Missouri-Rolla
12.	FINCH, Kelsey	311	RB	Tennessee

COACHES: DICK NOLAN, Ed Beard, Whitey Campbell, Chet Franklin, Bob Hill, Ed Hughes, Lamar McHan, Tom Pratt, Dick Stanfel, Paul Wiggin.



# SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS

## NATIONAL FOOTBALL CONFERENCE WESTERN DIVISION

**T**he 49ers, who had their worst season in the club's history and the worst record (2-14) in the NFL in 1978, are faced with a massive rebuilding job.

Bill Walsh, the former Stanford coach and now general manager/coach of the 49ers, is sorting through the wreckage left by the previous regime.

Joe Thomas, the former general manager, and renowned franchise shaker upper, supposedly had a 3-year plan to revitalize the 49ers.

Time ran out on Thomas, who didn't show results quick enough after trading off many of the club's established veterans. He fell in the purge by young owner Edward DeBartolo Jr. along with interim coach Fred O'Conner, who had replaced the ousted Pete McCulley after nine games.

Walsh is a highly regarded offensive innovator. He produced bowl-winning teams with pass-conscious Stanford after serving as an astute offensive coordinator with Cincinnati and San Diego.

But Walsh probably is a couple of drafts—and several trades away—from restoring the 49ers to respectability. Moreover, his only "experienced" quarterback is Steve DeBerg, who is only in his third season. And DeBerg is coming off knee surgery.

The 49ers didn't have a first draft choice this year, surrendering it to Buffalo in the trade that brought halfback O.J. Simpson back to his home town. O.J., in the twilight of his career, is trying to make a comeback from knee and shoulder injuries.

"I don't care how shrewd we think we are," Walsh says, "the dimensions of our so-called problems are so widespread that you can't satisfy them all in a year, or two, or even three years."

Amen!

### OFFENSE

**Quarterback**—DeBerg virtually was a rookie last year and he had bad statistics with a bad club—14th ranked in the NFC, a lowly 39.8 passing efficiency rating. He is expected to recover from knee surgery but Scott Bull, who filled in for DeBerg in '78, is not expect-

ed back after two serious knee operations. If DeBerg can't cut it, then Walsh may be forced to go with Notre Dame's Joe Montana, a third-round draft choice and a clutch competitor as a collegian. Or, it might be ex-Stanford QB Mike Cordova (he didn't play for Walsh), who was signed as a free agent. Gary Forystek, formerly with Chicago, is a longshot to make it. Quarterback coaching is Walsh's specialty. He'll certainly be put to the test this season.

**Running backs**—O.J. is expected to retire after this season and the famed runner would like to give his many fans a little glimpse of the skills that brought him superstar status. Wilbur Jackson, sidelined by injury last year, is a proven runner and blocker. He is a tentative starting fullback. Paul Hofer, a tough, quick runner, is Simpson's backup. Others with experience are Bob Ferrell and Greg Boykin. In the Walsh offensive scheme, the running backs are used extensively as pass receivers.

**Receivers**—It's hoped that corrective knee surgery will enable Freddie Solomon to become the deep threat he was at Miami. Terry LeCount was impressive as a rookie until he dislocated his wrist. He has speed, but not much size. James Owens, a world-class hurdler while at UCLA, was the 49ers' second-round pick (and their first in the draft). He has obvious speed but must be taught the wide receiver position because he was a veer

back in college and didn't catch many passes. Other wide receivers are Mike Shumann, Kenny Harrison and Jack Steptoe.

The 49ers apparently are well fixed at tight end with Ken MacAfee and Paul Seals. Walsh said that MacAfee, the big (6-4, 250) All-American from Notre Dame, had an average rookie season before he was injured, but could be one of the best in the league. He caught 22 passes for 205 yards in '78. Paul Seal, inconsistent but potentially talented, will contest MacAfee for the starting job.

**Offensive line**—The 49ers have a young offensive front and, potentially, an above average one. Tackle Keith Fahnhorst is the old pro with five years experience and the best of a starting group consisting of Ernie Hughes, who made the all-rookie team in 1978, and Walt Downing at guards; Ron Singleton at tackle and Randy Cross at center. Cross was injured most of last season but is a fine athlete who also can play guard. Jean Barrett, on the injured reserve list in '78, can play both tackle positions. Other backups are John Ayers, Fred Quillan and Steve Knutson.

### DEFENSE

**Front four**—Walsh says this is the strongest unit on the team—if the four rushers can stay healthy. End Cedrick Hardman is a proven veteran who excels at rushing the passer. The other end is Archie Reese, who



No. 72—Cleveland Elam



HC—Bill Walsh



played mostly tackle last season as a rookie but has more potential on the outside. The tackles, Cleveland Elam and Jimmy Webb, are solid players. Elam played end last year and missed most of the season with injuries. He seems more suited to tackle. The first replacement will be either Willie McCray or Ed Galigher.

**Linebackers**—The 49ers had linebacking problems in '78, some of their own making. Veteran Skip Vanderbundt was traded to New Orleans last summer and, a few days later, Willie Harper, the outside replacement, was lost for the season with a knee injury. Harper is on the small side and so is Joe Harris, the other outside backer. Rookie Dan Bunz was in the middle last year and did a good job despite his inexperience. Bruce Elia is a ver-

satile reserve but not a starter type. Overall, this could be a soft spot unless Walsh can get help in a trade.

**Secondary**—Critics of Thomas—and there were many—couldn't understand why he waived cornerback Bruce Taylor at the start of the season and cornerback Tony Leonard late in the year. Taylor was an experienced hand on a young unit; Leonard had shown promise. So a young group spent a lot of time on the field in '78 and suffered by its lack of experience. But Walsh says the secondary is not all that bad. Cornerback Eddie Lewis reportedly has 4.5 speed; cornerback Ricky Odom played well at times; Bob Jury, a rookie strong safety has some potential and veteran Chuck Crist, the free safety, is good at run support. Others who figure are Vern Roberson, who can play corner or safety and Wonder Monds, the biggest defensive back at 6-3, 215.

#### SPECIAL TEAMS

Ray Wersching, who made 15 of 23 field goals, is considered a solid NFL performer. Mike Connell was a rookie punter last year and performed adequately but Walsh says he must show dramatic improvement to become one of the league's top kickers.

#### THE DRAFT

Coach Walsh is experiencing the poverty that follows a Joe Thomas style of personnel management. In a year in which a terrible previous season would have given the 49ers the first pick in each round, they had their

own first position in only one round of the first four. The biggest cause for this frustrated position was the O.J. Simpson trade, which cost the 49ers a bundle in draft positions and gave Buffalo Tom Cousineau, not a bad straight-up trade for a brilliant star who may be retiring after this year.

The 49ers needed so much help in so many offensive and defensive positions, but seem to have a good shot at drafted help only from UCLA speedster James Owens at wide receiver and Joe Montana, the gutsy and cool-under-fire quarterback from Notre Dame.

#### 1978 Season Results SAN FRANCISCO (2-14)

7	Cleveland	24
13	*Chicago	16
19	Houston	20
10	N.Y. Giants	27
28	*Cincinnati	12
10	Los Angeles	27
7	*New Orleans	14
17	*Atlanta	20
20	Washington	38
10	Atlanta	21
10	*St. Louis	16
28	*Los Angeles	31
7	*Pittsburgh	24
13	New Orleans	24
6	*Tampa Bay	3
14	Detroit	33
219		350

\*Home game



No. 86—Cedrick Hardman

## 1979 ROSTER

### VETERANS

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	NFL Exp.	Birth-date	College
68	Ayers, John	T-G	6-5	247	3	4/4/53	West Texas State
	Bailey, Larry	DT	6-4	245	3	5/10/52	University of Pacific
	Bateman, Marv	P	6-4	218	7	4/5/50	Utah
	Bates, Larry	FB	6-1	228	2	3/21/54	University of Miami
52	Baldassin, Mike	LB	6-1	218	3	7/26/55	Washington
77	Barrett, Jean	T	6-6	250	6	5/24/51	Tulsa
82	Boyet, Lon	TE	6-6	240	3	12/24/53	Cal State-Northridge
33	Boykin, Greg	FB	6-0	225	3	12/8/53	Northwestern
54	Bradley, Ed	LB	6-1	225	8	4/22/50	Wake Forest
19	Bull, Scott	QB	6-5	211	4	6/8/53	Arkansas
57	Bunz, Dan	LB	6-4	230	2	10/7/55	Cal State-Long Beach
31	Carr, Earl	FB	6-0	224	2	1/22/55	Florida
10	Connell, Mike	P	6-1	200	2	3/15/56	Cincinnati
24	Crist, Chuck	S	6-2	205	8	1/16/51	Penn State
51	Cross, Randy	C	6-3	250	4	4/25/54	UCLA
64	Davis, Kyle	C	6-2	240	3	10/1/52	Oklahoma
17	DeBerg, Steve	QB	6-2	205	3	1/19/54	San Jose State
62	Downing, Walt	G	6-3	254	2	6/11/56	Michigan
72	Elam, Cleveland	DT	6-4	251	5	4/5/52	Tennessee State
55	Elia, Bruce	LB	6-1	220	5	1/10/53	Ohio State
	Frazier, Marv	WR	6-0	180	3	5/20/51	Cheyne State
71	Fahnhorst, Keith	T	6-6	263	6	2/6/52	Minnesota
38	Ferrell, Bob	FB	6-0	219	4	11/13/52	UCLA
75	Galigher, Ed	DT	6-5	247	8	10/15/50	UCLA
86	Hardman, Cedrick	DE	6-4	244	10	10/4/48	North Texas State
59	Harper, Willie	LB	6-2	215	6	7/30/50	Nebraska
50	Harris, Joe	LB	6-1	225	3	12/6/52	Georgia Tech
83	Harrison, Kenny	WR	6-0	170	4	12/12/53	Southern Methodist
36	Hofer, Paul	RB	6-0	195	4	5/13/52	Mississippi
65	Hughes, Ernie	G	6-3	250	2	1/24/55	Notre Dame
	Joyce, Terry	P	6-6	225	3	7/18/54	Missouri Southern
40	Jackson, Wilbur	RB	6-1	219	5	11/19/51	Alabama
26	Jury, Bob	S	6-0	188	2	10/5/55	Pittsburgh
60	Knutson, Steve	C-G-T	6-3	254	5	10/5/51	Southern California
80	LeCount, Terry	WR	5-10	172	2	7/9/56	Florida
22	Lewis, Eddie	CB	6-0	174	4	12/15/53	Kansas
	Little, Everett	T	6-4	280	2	6/12/54	Houston
	McColl, Duncan	G	6-4	242	3	8/30/55	Stanford

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	NFL Exp.	Birth-date	College
81	MacAfee, Ken	TE	6-5	250	2	1/9/56	Notre Dame
76	McCray, Willie	DE	6-5	234	2	7/17/53	Troy State
66	Miller, Johnny	G	6-1	247	2	2/3/54	Livingstone
25	Monds, Wonder	S	6-3	215	2	5/3/52	Nebraska
53	Moore, Dean	LB	6-2	210	2	1/26/55	Iowa
58	Nichols, Mark	LB	6-3	225	2	10/23/56	Colorado State
42	Odom, Ricky	CB	6-0	183	2	9/16/56	Southern California
56	Quillan, Fred	C	6-5	240	2	1/27/56	Oregon
78	Reese, Archie	DE	6-3	263	2	2/4/56	Clemson
49	Roberson, Vern	CB	6-2	195	3	8/3/52	Grambling
85	Seal, Paul	TE	6-4	223	6	2/27/52	Michigan
84	Shumann, Mike	WR	6-0	175	2	10/31/55	Florida State
32	Simpson, O.J.	RB	6-1	212	11	7/9/47	Southern California
67	Singleton, Ron	T	6-7	275	4	4/15/52	Grambling
88	Solomon, Freddie	WR	5-11	181	5	1/11/53	Tampa
87	Stoptoe, Jack	WR	6-1	175	2	1/21/56	Utah
23	Threadgill, Bruce	S	6-0	190	2	5/7/56	Mississippi State
35	Walker, Elliott	RB	5-11	193	2	9/10/56	Pittsburgh
74	Webb, Jimmy	DT	6-5	245	5	4/13/52	Mississippi State
14	Wersching, Ray	K	5-11	210	7	8/21/50	California
30	Williams, Dave	RB	6-2	200	3	3/10/54	Colorado

### DRAFT CHOICES

Choice	Name	No. Selected	Pos.	College
1.	Choice to Buffalo			
2.	OWENS, James	29	WR	UCLA
3.	Choice to Seattle			
	MONTANA, Joe	82	QB	Notre Dame
	from Dallas through Seattle			
4.	Choice to Buffalo			
5.	SEABRON, Tom	111	LB	Michigan
	ALDRIDGE, Jerry	119	RB	Angelo State
	from Detroit			
6.	VAUGHAN, Ruben	138	DT	Colorado
7.	FRANCIS, Phil	166	RB	Stanford
8.	Choice to Green Bay			
9.	HAMILTON, Steve	221	DT	Missouri
10.	CLARK, Dwight	249	WR	Clemson
	BALLAGE, Howard	252	DB	Colorado
	from Tampa Bay			
11.	MC BRIDE, Billy	276	DB	Tennessee State
12.	Choice exercised in Supplemental Draft			

**COACHES:** BILL WALSH, Dennis Green, Norb Hecker, Billie Matthews, Bobb McKittrick, Bill McPherson, Chuck Studley, Al Vermeil, Mike White, Sam Wyche.

# "CONGRATS TO ED, JOHN, DAN & DOUG"

Last year, our resident experts, Vin DiTrani and Mal Florence, correctly predicted eight of the 10 playoff teams, missing only on Oakland and St. Louis. They are, indeed, experts, as the accompanying table shows. They placed within the top 17% of the reader ballots received, and Mal and Vin had to get theirs in before the preseason schedule had started. The readers at least had the benefit of preseason results.

Selecting NFL playoff teams is no easy task. In the many years we have invited readers to predict the races, no one ever has selected eight for eight playoff teams or (starting last year) 10 for 10.

With no incentive other than the fun of making the effort, 435 readers tried the 10 for 10 challenge in 1978, but only four picked nine correctly, and none picked 10.

This year, just to make it a little more interesting, we will send our Petersen's annual four-book sports series, consisting of **Pro Football Annual**, **Pro Baseball**, **Pro Basketball** and **Pro Hockey**, for three years, with our compliments, to the person who submits the most accurate ballot in the effort to pick the 10 NFL playoff teams for 1979. For the second best entry, we'll send the sports series for two years, and for the third best, one year.

Though this hasn't the magnitude of a full-fledged contest, we'll need some simple rules:

1) Your predictions must arrive in our office by 5 PM, Friday, August 31, 1979.

2) Only one entry from one person or one household address. Use your real name.

3) Select the 10 teams to make the 1979 NFL playoffs, designating which

four are wild cards.

For tie-breaking purposes,

4) Name the two teams which will meet in Super Bowl XIV.

5) Predict the regular season (16 games) won-lost mark of each of the two Super Bowl teams.

6) Predict the final score of the Super Bowl game.

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But before you make your final selections, we suggest that you read carefully the next two pages. DiTrani and Florence are, indeed, experts on NFL football.

## "WHY DON'T YOU TRY?"

### THEY PICKED NINE!

Ed Frankie, 2117 8th Ave., Yuma, AZ and John Lawson, 2310 Redfern Rd., Burlington, Ontario, Canada omitted Houston.

Dan Greenon, 2486 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley, CA and Doug Osborn of Mimbres, New Mexico omitted Miami.

All four incorrectly named Oakland.

### ANALYSIS—READER PICKS—1978

0 selected 10 playoff teams—	0.0 Pct.	152 selected 6 playoff teams—	35.0 Pct.
4 selected 9 playoff teams—	0.9 Pct.	48 selected 5 playoff teams—	11.0 Pct.
70 selected 8 playoff teams—	16.1 Pct.	3 selected 4 playoff teams—	0.7 Pct.
158 selected 7 playoff teams—	36.3 Pct.	435	100.0

#### No. ballots selecting each team:

1) *Dallas	435—100.0 Pct.	Washington	106— 24.4 Pct.
2) *Los Angeles	427— 98.2 Pct.	17) Detroit	82— 18.9 Pct.
3) Oakland	424— 97.5 Pct.	18) San Diego	46— 10.6 Pct.
4) *Minnesota	403— 92.6 Pct.	19) *Philadelphia	35— 8.0 Pct.
5) *Pittsburgh	345— 79.3 Pct.	20) Tampa Bay	21— 4.8 Pct.
6) *New England	330— 75.9 Pct.	21) Cleveland	8— 1.9 Pct.
7) *Denver	295— 67.8 Pct.	22) New York Giants	7— 1.6 Pct.
8) *Miami	287— 66.0 Pct.	23) Seattle	6— 1.4 Pct.
9) Chicago	243— 55.9 Pct.	24) New Orleans	5— 1.1 Pct.
10) Baltimore	172— 39.5 Pct.	25) Green Bay	1— 0.2 Pct.
11) *Atlanta	161— 37.0 Pct.	26) Buffalo	0— 0.0 Pct.
12) *Houston	147— 33.8 Pct.	Kansas City	0— 0.0 Pct.
13) San Francisco	137— 31.5 Pct.	New York Jets	0— 0.0 Pct.
14) Cincinnati	113— 26.0 Pct.		
15) St. Louis	106— 24.4 Pct.		

\* Made the playoffs

\*\* Some ballots selected less than 10 teams

"Hey coach—I caught 'im, can I keep 'im?" seems to be the question in Dwight White's mind as the big Steelers' defensive end sits astride Oilers' quarterback Dan Pastorini.



PHOTO BY GEORGE GOJKOVICH



# 1979 PREDICTIONS

## AMERICAN FOOTBALL CONFERENCE



by Vin DiTrani

It's been an old bromide in the National Football League, dating back to the days when the pro league was looking to steal a few fans from the more established college brand of ball. But never was it more applicable than it is today:

"On any given Sunday, any club can beat any other club."

It's particularly true in the American Football Conference, where entering the 1979 season it's quite conceivable to project 12 of the 14 member clubs as playoff participants. Only the Kansas City Chiefs and Buffalo Bills, two teams still working to build their defensive units, appear out of the postseason picture, at least going into the season.

Otherwise, everything is up for grabs, despite the presence of the awesome Pittsburgh Steelers. Chuck Noll's team stamped itself as one of the finest of all time last year by developing a high-powered offense to go along with the always strong defense.

The Steelers should win the Central Division again this time, but the other three clubs should make it a real horse race for the runner-up spot. The Houston Oilers should win out in the end, as Dan Pastorini, Earl Campbell, and Ken Burrough provide the Astrodome faithful with many more thrills.

Cincinnati (remember who picked them to win the Central in '78?) will bounce back from its off-year to edge Cleveland for third place. But the balance in the division will prevent any of the also-rans from getting a wild-card berth into the playoffs.

Miami and New England appear the class of the AFC East, but let's not forget the young Jets and their fine coach, Walt Michaels, and the Colts, with an apparently healthy Bert Jones.

Don Shula again weathered some injuries to produce a playoff team in Miami, and with a tremendous draft and acquisitions of linebacker Ralph Ortega and safety Neal Colzie to further bolster the personnel, the Dolphins look ready to claim the number 1 spot in the East.

There's no telling how far the Patriots would have gone last year, were it

not for Chuck Fairbanks' ill-timed announcement of imminent departure, and a late-season injury to quarterback Steve Grogan. The Pats may take the Dolphins to tie-breaking procedures in the AFC East, then settle for a wild-card spot.

If Michaels and the Jets continue their improvement, the Jets could be a definite postseason factor. They bettered their '77 record by five games to 8-8 last year, and now have a better pass-rush, thanks to the draft. The Colts are another club that experienced an off year in '78, thanks mainly to injuries to Jones and other key personnel. A healthy Baltimore club can't be discounted, however.

There could be tie-breaking procedures invoked to decide the AFC West, too. But instead of involving two teams, the steps may include four clubs. What just a few years ago was Oakland and its four weak sisters suddenly has become an extremely competitive division, with even the expansion Seahawks in contention.

San Diego, with cornerback Willie Buchanon and rookie tight end Kellen Winslow added to a powerful roster, looks ready to assume the No. 1 spot. Denver will continue to ride the crest of

its Super Bowl XII appearance to wild-card its way into the playoffs.

The Raiders, who have gone away from Al Davis's long-standing plan of building through the draft, and the Seahawks, like the Jets, a team that could surprise if it continues its line of improvement, will be in the playoff picture all the way, too.

When the wild cards meet, New England's superior talent will prevail over the Broncos. The Patriots will then move into a bitter playoff game against the Steelers, with Pittsburgh winning out in overtime. Meanwhile, in the other playoff game, Miami's playoff experience will carry the Dolphins past the Chargers by a field goal.

Then comes the "any given Sunday" part. Despite entering the AFC Championship game a full-touchdown underdog to the Steelers, and despite playing in the cold of Three Rivers Stadium, Miami will upset the Steelers and head to Pasadena for Super Bowl XIV.

The impetus and momentum generated by the Steeler upset will help Miami beat Dallas, 21-16, in the championship game. And fullback Larry Csonka will come off the bench to contribute some important yardage in his final game as a professional.

### DITRANI'S 1979 AFC PREDICTIONS

#### Eastern Division

- First—Miami Dolphins
- Second—New England Patriots\*
- Third—New York Jets
- Fourth—Baltimore Colts
- Fifth—Buffalo Bills

#### Central Division

- First—Pittsburgh Steelers
- Second—Houston Oilers
- Third—Cincinnati Bengals
- Fourth—Cleveland Browns

#### Western Division

- First—San Diego Chargers
- Second—Denver Broncos\*
- Third—Oakland Raiders
- Fourth—Seattle Seahawks
- Fifth—Kansas City Chiefs

\*Wild card teams

#### AFC Wild Card Game

New England 20, Denver 10

#### AFC Divisional Playoffs

Miami 24, San Diego 21  
Pittsburgh 20, New England 17 (OT)

#### AFC Championship Game

Miami 24, Pittsburgh 23

#### Super Bowl XIV

Miami 21, Dallas 16

#### 1978 AFC FINAL STANDINGS

##### Eastern Division

	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP
*New England	11	5	0	.687	358	286
# Miami	11	5	0	.687	372	254
N.Y. Jets	8	8	0	.500	359	364
Buffalo	5	11	0	.313	302	354
Baltimore	5	11	0	.313	239	421

##### Central Division

	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP
*Pittsburgh	14	2	0	.875	356	195
# Houston	10	6	0	.625	283	298
Cleveland	8	8	0	.500	334	356
Cincinnati	4	12	0	.250	252	284

##### Western Division

	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP
*Denver	10	6	0	.625	282	198
Oakland	9	7	0	.563	311	283
Seattle	9	7	0	.563	345	358
San Diego	9	7	0	.563	355	309
Kansas City	4	12	0	.250	243	327

\*Division Champion

# Wild Card Teams

#### AFC Wild Card Game

Houston 17, Miami 9

#### AFC Divisional Playoffs

Houston 31, New England 14  
Pittsburgh 33, Denver 10

#### AFC Championship Game

Pittsburgh 34, Houston 5

#### Super Bowl XIII

Pittsburgh (AFC) 35, Dallas (NFC) 31

#### Pro Bowl

NFC 13, AFC 7

## NATIONAL FOOTBALL CONFERENCE



by Mal Florence

**T**his would be a more provocative article if we had the temerity to pick *anybody* but Dallas to represent the NFC in Super Bowl XIV next January at Pasadena's Rose Bowl. But common sense dictates that the Cowboys still are the class of the conference and probably will make an unprecedented sixth Super Bowl appearance.

Tom Landry's team is neither too young nor too old; the talent is evenly distributed between offense and defense and the organization still is one of the best in professional sports.

If any team is to end Dallas' domination of the NFC, it would be Los Angeles, perennially in the playoffs but without enough pizzazz to win the one game that would get it to the NFL title game. However, the Rams are only a player or two, or a break or two, from getting there.

The other NFC teams aren't talented enough, or experienced enough or both to be considered in the same company with the Rams and Cowboys.

Unlike the AFC, which has several Super Bowl contenders, the NFC has only two.

The Cowboys should win the NFC East without too much trouble. Dick Vermeil has upgraded Philadelphia but not enough to challenge Dallas.

Washington is trying to rebuild without the draft choices that George Allen gave away. Moreover, Jack Pardee has sent the "Over-the-Hill-Gang" to the pasture—Chris Hanburger, Billy Kilmer and others—and the Redskins probably won't be a factor again until the 1980s.

St. Louis, after its 0-8 start in 1978, improved under "new" coach Bud Wilkinson and should be, at least, a .500 team.

As for the New York Giants, they don't have a proven quarterback.

The NFC Central is the most competitive division only because the teams are mediocre or a cut above it.

The Vikings barely hung on to win last year and, without Fran Tarkenton, who retired after 18 seasons, the Vikings may relinquish their once firm grip on this division.

The surprise team of the NFL well could be the Detroit Lions. Monte Clark is one of the league's better coaches and the young Lions, who finished with a flourish in 1978, may ride this momentum to a division title.

The Green Bay Packers have some good, young players—like the Lions—but it remains to be seen whether David Whitehurst is a quality quarterback. The Chicago Bears may have quarterback problems, too, thus preventing them from contending despite the presence of Walter Payton.

If Tampa Bay can stay healthy and if quarterback Doug Williams is as good as John McKay says he is, the Bucs could move up a notch or two.

Although the Rams have the reputation as a team that can't win the big one, they're still among the NFL's class clubs and easily the class of the NFC West.

Atlanta now is a solid franchise but doesn't have the offense to match its robust defense.

New Orleans no longer is playing like a newly organized franchise and coach Dick Nolan and quarterback Archie

Manning have the Saints headed in the right direction. But they're not in the Rams' league—yet.

San Francisco is in shambles and new coach general manager Bill Walsh will have to be a miracle worker to reassemble the pieces scattered by the previous administration.

In the playoffs, we pick the Eagles over the Falcons in a rematch of their close, wild card encounter last year. Philly gets the breaks this time. But the Eagles won't get by the Rams. Detroit, venturing into the playoffs after a long absence, isn't seasoned enough to handle the Cowboys. Not many teams are.

Although Dallas beat Los Angeles, 28-0, in last year's conference championship game, the final score wasn't indicative of the struggle that ensued.

If the Ram running backs are healthy, the Cowboys won't have an easy time of it. Still, it's difficult to pick against Dallas.

As for the Super Bowl, the Cowboys lost a 35-31 thriller to Pittsburgh last January. Dallas will reverse, this time, 31-27 over Vin DiTrani's surprising choice, Miami.

### FLORENCE'S 1979 NFC PREDICTIONS

#### Eastern Division

- First—Dallas Cowboys
- Second—Philadelphia Eagles\*
- Third—St. Louis Cardinals
- Fourth—Washington Redskins
- Fifth—New York Giants

#### Central Division

- First—Detroit Lions
- Second—Minnesota Vikings
- Third—Green Bay Packers
- Fourth—Tampa Bay Buccaneers
- Fifth—Chicago Bears

#### Western Division

- First—Los Angeles Rams
- Second—Atlanta Falcons\*
- Third—New Orleans Saints
- Fourth—San Francisco 49ers

\*Wild card teams

#### NFC Wild Card Game

Philadelphia 20, Atlanta 17

#### NFC Divisional Playoffs

Los Angeles 28, Philadelphia 14  
Dallas 23, Detroit 7

#### NFC Championship Game

Dallas 24, Los Angeles 17

#### Super Bowl XIV

Dallas 31, Miami 27

#### 1978 NFC FINAL STANDINGS

##### Eastern Division

	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP
*Dallas	12	4	0	.750	384	208
#Philadelphia	9	7	0	.563	270	250
Washington	8	8	0	.500	273	283
St. Louis	6	10	0	.375	248	296
N.Y. Giants	6	10	0	.375	264	298

##### Central Division

	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP
*Minnesota	8	7	1	.531	294	306
Green Bay	8	7	1	.531	249	269
Detroit	7	9	0	.438	290	300
Chicago	7	9	0	.438	253	274
Tampa Bay	5	11	0	.313	241	259

##### Western Division

	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP
*Los Angeles	12	4	0	.750	316	245
#Atlanta	9	7	0	.563	240	290
New Orleans	7	9	0	.438	281	298
San Francisco	2	14	0	.125	219	350

\*Division Champion

#Wild Card Teams

#### NFC Wild Card Game

Atlanta 14, Philadelphia 13

#### NFC Divisional Playoffs

Dallas 27, Atlanta 20  
Los Angeles 34, Minnesota 10

#### NFC Championship Game

Dallas 28, Los Angeles 0

#### Super Bowl XIII

Pittsburgh (AFC) 35, Dallas (NFC) 31

#### Pro Bowl

NFC 13, AFC 7

# 1979 NFL SCHEDULES

## 1979 NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE SCHEDULE (All times local)

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1 (First Weekend)

Detroit at Tampa Bay 8:00

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

Atlanta at New Orleans 1:00  
Baltimore at Kansas City 3:00  
Cincinnati at Denver 2:00  
Cleveland at N.Y. Jets 4:00  
Dallas at St. Louis 1:00  
Green Bay at Chicago 1:00  
Houston at Washington 1:00  
Miami at Buffalo 1:00  
N.Y. Giants at Philadelphia 1:00  
Oakland at Los Angeles 1:00  
San Diego at Seattle 1:00  
San Francisco at Minnesota NOON

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

Pittsburgh at New England 9:00

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 (Second Weekend)

Los Angeles at Denver 6:30

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

Cincinnati at Buffalo 1:00  
Cleveland at Kansas City 3:00  
Dallas at San Francisco 1:00  
Houston at Pittsburgh 1:00  
Minnesota at Chicago NOON  
New Orleans vs. Green Bay at Milw. NOON  
N.Y. Jets at New England 4:00  
Oakland at San Diego 1:00  
St. Louis at N.Y. Giants 1:00  
Seattle at Miami 4:00  
Tampa Bay at Baltimore 2:00  
Washington at Detroit 1:00

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Atlanta at Philadelphia 9:00

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 (Third Weekend)

Baltimore at Cleveland 1:00  
Buffalo at San Diego 1:00  
Chicago at Dallas 3:00  
Denver at Atlanta 1:00  
Detroit at N.Y. Jets 1:00  
Kansas City at Houston 1:00  
Miami at Minnesota 1:00  
New England at Cincinnati 1:00  
Oakland at Seattle 1:00  
Philadelphia at New Orleans NOON  
Pittsburgh at St. Louis 3:00  
San Francisco at Los Angeles 1:00  
Tampa Bay at Green Bay 1:00

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

N.Y. Giants at Washington 9:00

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 (Fourth Weekend)

Atlanta at Detroit 1:00  
Baltimore at Pittsburgh 1:00  
Chicago at Miami 4:00  
Green Bay at Minnesota 1:00  
Houston at Cincinnati 1:00  
Los Angeles at Tampa Bay 4:00  
New Orleans at San Francisco 1:00  
N.Y. Jets at Buffalo 1:00  
Oakland at Kansas City 1:00  
Philadelphia at N.Y. Giants 4:00  
San Diego at New England 1:00  
Seattle at Denver 2:00  
Washington at St. Louis 1:00

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Dallas at Cleveland 9:00

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 (Fifth Weekend)

Buffalo at Baltimore 2:00  
Cincinnati at Dallas 3:00  
Cleveland at Houston 1:00  
Denver at Oakland 1:00  
Kansas City at Seattle 1:00  
Miami at N.Y. Jets 1:00  
Minnesota at Detroit 1:00  
N.Y. Giants at New Orleans 12:00  
Pittsburgh at Philadelphia 1:00  
St. Louis at Los Angeles 1:00  
San Francisco at San Diego 1:00  
Tampa Bay at Chicago 1:00  
Washington at Atlanta 1:00

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 1

New England at Green Bay 8:00

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7 (Sixth Weekend)

Chicago at Buffalo 1:00

Dallas at Minnesota 3:00  
Detroit at New England 1:00  
Green Bay at Atlanta 1:00  
Kansas City at Cincinnati 1:00  
Los Angeles at New Orleans 3:00  
N.Y. Jets at Baltimore 4:00  
Philadelphia at Washington 1:00  
Pittsburgh at Cleveland 1:00  
St. Louis at Houston 1:00  
San Diego at Denver 2:00  
Seattle at San Francisco 1:00  
Tampa Bay at N.Y. Giants 1:00

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 8

Miami at Oakland 6:00

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14 (Seventh Weekend)

Atlanta at Oakland 1:00  
Buffalo at Miami 1:00  
Denver at Kansas City 1:00  
Detroit vs. Green Bay at Milw. 3:00  
Houston at Baltimore 2:00  
Los Angeles at Dallas 8:00  
New England at Chicago 1:00  
New Orleans at Tampa Bay 1:00  
Philadelphia at St. Louis NOON  
Pittsburgh at Cincinnati 1:00  
San Francisco at N.Y. Giants 1:00  
Seattle at San Diego 1:00  
Washington at Cleveland 1:00

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 15

Minnesota at N.Y. Jets 9:00

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21 (Eighth Weekend)

Atlanta at San Francisco 1:00  
Baltimore at Buffalo 1:00  
Chicago at Minnesota 1:00  
Cincinnati at Cleveland 1:00  
Detroit at New Orleans 1:00  
Green Bay at Tampa Bay 1:00  
Houston at Seattle 1:00  
Miami at New England 1:00  
N.Y. Giants at Kansas City 3:00  
Oakland at N.Y. Jets 1:00  
St. Louis at Dallas 1:00  
San Diego at Los Angeles 1:00  
Washington at Philadelphia 1:00

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 22

Denver at Pittsburgh 9:00

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25 (Ninth Weekend)

San Diego at Oakland 6:00

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28

Buffalo at Detroit 1:00  
Chicago at San Francisco 1:00  
Cleveland at St. Louis 1:00  
Dallas at Pittsburgh 1:00  
Green Bay at Miami 4:00  
Kansas City at Denver 2:00  
New England at Baltimore 2:00  
New Orleans at Washington 1:00  
N.Y. Giants at Los Angeles 1:00  
N.Y. Jets at Houston NOON  
Philadelphia at Cincinnati 4:00  
Tampa Bay at Minnesota 1:00

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 29

Seattle at Atlanta 9:00

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4 (Tenth Weekend)

Cincinnati at Baltimore 2:00  
Cleveland at Philadelphia 1:00  
Dallas at N.Y. Giants 1:00  
Detroit at Chicago 3:00  
Los Angeles at Seattle 1:00  
Minnesota at St. Louis 1:00  
New England at Buffalo 1:00  
New Orleans at Denver 2:00  
N.Y. Jets at Green Bay 3:00  
San Diego at Kansas City 1:00  
San Francisco at Oakland 1:00  
Tampa Bay at Atlanta 1:00  
Washington at Pittsburgh 1:00

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5

Houston at Miami 9:00

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11 (Eleventh Weekend)

Atlanta at N.Y. Giants 4:00  
Baltimore at Miami 1:00  
Buffalo at N.Y. Jets 1:00  
Los Angeles at Chicago 1:00  
Minnesota vs. Green Bay at Milw. 1:00  
New England at Denver 2:00  
Pittsburgh at Kansas City NOON  
Oakland at Houston NOON  
St. Louis at Washington 1:00  
San Diego at Cincinnati 1:00

San Francisco at New Orleans 1:00  
Seattle at Cleveland 1:00  
Tampa Bay at Detroit 1:00

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12

Philadelphia at Dallas 8:00

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18 (Twelfth Weekend)

Baltimore at New England 1:00  
Cincinnati at Houston 3:00  
Dallas at Washington 1:00  
Denver at San Francisco 1:00  
Detroit at Minnesota 1:00  
Green Bay at Buffalo 1:00  
Kansas City at Oakland 1:00  
Miami at Cleveland 1:00  
New Orleans at Seattle 1:00  
N.Y. Giants at Tampa Bay 4:00  
N.Y. Jets at Chicago NOON  
Pittsburgh at San Diego 1:00  
St. Louis at Philadelphia 1:00

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19

Atlanta at Los Angeles 6:00

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 22 (Thirteenth Weekend) (Thanksgiving Day)

Chicago at Detroit 12:30  
Houston at Dallas 3:00

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25

Buffalo at New England 1:00  
Cleveland at Pittsburgh 1:00  
Kansas City at San Diego 1:00  
Los Angeles at San Francisco 1:00  
Miami at Baltimore 4:00  
Minnesota at Tampa Bay 1:00  
New Orleans at Atlanta 1:00  
Oakland at Denver 2:00  
Philadelphia at Green Bay 1:00  
St. Louis at Cincinnati 1:00  
Washington at N.Y. Giants 1:00

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26

N.Y. Jets at Seattle 6:00

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29 (Fourteenth Weekend) SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2

Atlanta at San Diego 1:00  
Baltimore at N.Y. Jets 1:00  
Chicago at Tampa Bay 1:00  
Cincinnati at Pittsburgh 1:00  
Denver at Buffalo 1:00  
Detroit at Philadelphia 1:00  
Green Bay at Washington 1:00  
Houston at Cleveland 1:00  
Minnesota at Los Angeles 1:00  
N.Y. Giants at Dallas 3:00  
San Francisco at St. Louis 1:00  
Seattle at Kansas City 1:00

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 3

Oakland at New Orleans 8:00

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8 (Fifteenth Weekend)

Dallas at Philadelphia 12:30  
Denver at Seattle 1:00

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9

Buffalo at Minnesota 1:00  
Chicago at Green Bay NOON  
Cincinnati at Washington 1:00  
Cleveland at Oakland 1:00  
Kansas City at Baltimore 2:00  
Los Angeles at Atlanta 1:00  
Miami at Detroit 1:00  
New England at N.Y. Jets 4:00  
N.Y. Giants at St. Louis NOON  
San Diego at New Orleans 3:00  
Tampa Bay at San Francisco 1:00

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 10

Pittsburgh at Houston 8:00

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15 (Sixteenth Weekend)

Green Bay at Detroit 4:00  
N.Y. Jets at Miami 12:30

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16

Baltimore at N.Y. Giants 1:00  
Buffalo at Pittsburgh 1:00  
Cleveland at Cincinnati 1:00  
Kansas City at Tampa Bay 1:00  
Minnesota at New England 1:00  
New Orleans at Los Angeles 1:00  
Philadelphia at Houston 3:00  
St. Louis at Chicago 1:00  
San Francisco at Atlanta 1:00  
Seattle at Oakland 1:00  
Washington at Dallas 3:00

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 17

Denver at San Diego 6:00



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## 1979 NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE TEAM SCHEDULES

(All times local. All games Sunday  
unless noted otherwise.)

<b>BALTIMORE COLTS</b>			
Sept. 2	at Kansas City	3:00	
Sept. 9	TAMPA BAY	2:00	
Sept. 16	at Cleveland	1:00	
Sept. 23	at Pittsburgh	1:00	
Sept. 30	BUFFALO	2:00	
Oct. 7	NEW YORK JETS	4:00	
Oct. 14	HOUSTON	2:00	
Oct. 21	at Buffalo	1:00	
Oct. 28	NEW ENGLAND	2:00	
Nov. 4	CINCINNATI	2:00	
Nov. 11	at Miami	1:00	
Nov. 18	at New England	1:00	
Nov. 25	MIAMI	4:00	
Dec. 2	at New York Jets	1:00	
Dec. 9	KANSAS CITY	2:00	
Dec. 16	at New York Giants	1:00	

<b>BUFFALO BILLS</b>			
Sept. 2	MIAMI	1:00	
Sept. 9	CINCINNATI	1:00	
Sept. 16	at San Diego	1:00	
Sept. 23	NEW YORK JETS	1:00	
Sept. 30	at Baltimore	2:00	
Oct. 7	CHICAGO	1:00	
Oct. 14	at Miami	1:00	
Oct. 21	BALTIMORE	1:00	
Oct. 28	at Detroit	1:00	
Nov. 4	NEW ENGLAND	1:00	
Nov. 11	at New York Jets	1:00	
Nov. 18	GREEN BAY	1:00	
Nov. 25	at New England	1:00	
Dec. 2	DENVER	1:00	
Dec. 9	at Minnesota	1:00	
Dec. 16	at Pittsburgh	1:00	

<b>CINCINNATI BENGALS</b>			
Sept. 2	at Denver	2:00	
Sept. 9	at Buffalo	1:00	
Sept. 16	NEW ENGLAND	1:00	
Sept. 23	HOUSTON	1:00	
Sept. 30	at Dallas	3:00	
Oct. 7	KANSAS CITY	1:00	
Oct. 14	PITTSBURGH	1:00	
Oct. 21	at Cleveland	1:00	
Oct. 28	PHILADELPHIA	4:00	
Nov. 4	at Baltimore	2:00	
Nov. 11	SAN DIEGO	1:00	
Nov. 18	at Houston	3:00	
Nov. 25	ST. LOUIS	1:00	
Dec. 2	at Pittsburgh	1:00	
Dec. 9	at Washington	1:00	
Dec. 16	CLEVELAND	1:00	

<b>CLEVELAND BROWNS</b>			
Sept. 2	at New York Jets	4:00	
Sept. 9	at Kansas City	3:00	
Sept. 16	BALTIMORE	1:00	
Sept. 24	DALLAS (Mon.)	9:00	
Sept. 30	at Houston	1:00	
Oct. 7	PITTSBURGH	1:00	
Oct. 14	WASHINGTON	1:00	
Oct. 21	CINCINNATI	1:00	
Oct. 28	at St. Louis	1:00	
Nov. 4	at Philadelphia	1:00	
Nov. 11	SEATTLE	1:00	
Nov. 18	MIAMI	1:00	
Nov. 25	at Pittsburgh	1:00	

Dec. 2	HOUSTON	1:00	
Dec. 9	at Oakland	1:00	
Dec. 16	at Cincinnati	1:00	

<b>DENVER BRONCOS</b>			
Sept. 2	CINCINNATI	2:00	
Sept. 6	LOS ANGELES (Thurs.)	6:30	
Sept. 16	at Atlanta	1:00	
Sept. 23	SEATTLE	2:00	
Sept. 30	at Oakland	1:00	
Oct. 7	SAN DIEGO	2:00	
Oct. 14	at Kansas City	1:00	
Oct. 22	at Pittsburgh (Mon.)	9:00	
Oct. 28	KANSAS CITY	2:00	
Nov. 4	NEW ORLEANS	2:00	
Nov. 11	NEW ENGLAND	2:00	
Nov. 18	at San Francisco	1:00	
Nov. 25	OAKLAND	2:00	
Dec. 2	at Buffalo	1:00	
Dec. 8	at Seattle (Sat.)	1:00	
Dec. 17	at San Diego (Mon.)	6:00	

<b>HOUSTON OILERS</b>			
Sept. 2	at Washington	1:00	
Sept. 9	at Pittsburgh	1:00	
Sept. 16	KANSAS CITY	1:00	
Sept. 23	at Cincinnati	1:00	
Sept. 30	CLEVELAND	1:00	
Oct. 7	ST. LOUIS	1:00	
Oct. 14	at Baltimore	2:00	
Oct. 21	at Seattle	1:00	
Oct. 28	NEW YORK JETS	12:00	
Nov. 5	at Miami (Mon.)	9:00	
Nov. 11	OAKLAND	12:00	
Nov. 18	CINCINNATI	3:00	
Nov. 22	at Dallas (Thurs.)	3:00	
Dec. 2	at Cleveland	1:00	
Dec. 10	PITTSBURGH (Mon.)	8:00	
Dec. 16	PHILADELPHIA	3:00	

<b>KANSAS CITY CHIEFS</b>			
Sept. 2	BALTIMORE	3:00	
Sept. 9	CLEVELAND	3:00	
Sept. 16	at Houston	1:00	
Sept. 23	OAKLAND	1:00	
Sept. 30	at Seattle	1:00	
Oct. 7	at Cincinnati	1:00	
Oct. 14	DENVER	1:00	
Oct. 21	NEW YORK GIANTS	3:00	
Oct. 28	at Denver	2:00	
Nov. 4	SAN DIEGO	1:00	
Nov. 11	PITTSBURGH	NOON	
Nov. 18	at Oakland	1:00	
Nov. 25	at San Diego	1:00	
Dec. 2	SEATTLE	1:00	
Dec. 9	at Baltimore	2:00	
Dec. 16	at Tampa Bay	1:00	

<b>MIAMI DOLPHINS</b>			
Sept. 2	at Buffalo	1:00	
Sept. 9	SEATTLE	4:00	
Sept. 16	at Minnesota	1:00	
Sept. 23	CHICAGO	4:00	
Sept. 30	at New York Jets	1:00	
Oct. 8	at Oakland (Mon.)	6:00	
Oct. 14	BUFFALO	1:00	
Oct. 21	at New England	1:00	
Oct. 28	GREEN BAY	4:00	
Nov. 5	HOUSTON (Mon.)	9:00	
Nov. 11	BALTIMORE	1:00	
Nov. 18	at Cleveland	1:00	
Nov. 25	at Baltimore	4:00	
Nov. 29	NEW ENGLAND (Thurs.)	8:30	
Dec. 9	at Detroit	1:00	
Dec. 15	NEW YORK JETS (Sat.)	12:30	

<b>NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS</b>			
Sept. 3	PITTSBURGH (Mon.)	9:00	
Sept. 9	NEW YORK JETS	4:00	
Sept. 16	at Cincinnati	1:00	
Sept. 23	SAN DIEGO	1:00	
Oct. 1	at Green Bay (Mon.)	8:00	
Oct. 7	DETROIT	1:00	
Oct. 14	at Chicago	1:00	
Oct. 21	MIAMI	1:00	
Oct. 28	at Baltimore	2:00	
Nov. 4	at Buffalo	1:00	
Nov. 11	at Denver	2:00	
Nov. 18	BALTIMORE	1:00	
Nov. 25	BUFFALO	1:00	
Nov. 29	at Miami (Thurs.)	8:30	
Dec. 9	at New York Jets	4:00	
Dec. 16	MINNESOTA	1:00	

<b>NEW YORK JETS</b>			
Sept. 2	CLEVELAND	4:00	
Sept. 9	at New England	4:00	
Sept. 16	DETROIT	1:00	
Sept. 23	at Buffalo	1:00	
Sept. 30	MIAMI	1:00	
Oct. 7	at Baltimore	4:00	

Oct. 15	MINNESOTA (Mon.)	9:00	
Oct. 21	OAKLAND	1:00	
Oct. 28	at Houston	NOON	
Nov. 4	at Green Bay	3:00	
Nov. 11	BUFFALO	1:00	
Nov. 18	at Chicago	NOON	
Nov. 26	at Seattle (Mon.)	6:00	
Dec. 2	BALTIMORE	1:00	
Dec. 9	NEW ENGLAND	4:00	
Dec. 15	at Miami (Sat.)	12:30	

<b>OAKLAND RAIDERS</b>			
Sept. 2	at Los Angeles	1:00	
Sept. 9	at San Diego	1:00	
Sept. 16	at Seattle	1:00	
Sept. 23	at Kansas City	1:00	
Sept. 30	DENVER	1:00	
Oct. 8	MIAMI (Mon.)	6:00	
Oct. 14	ATLANTA	1:00	
Oct. 21	at New York Jets	1:00	
Oct. 25	SAN DIEGO (Thurs.)	6:00	
Nov. 4	SAN FRANCISCO	1:00	
Nov. 11	at Houston	NOON	
Nov. 18	KANSAS CITY	1:00	
Nov. 25	at Denver	2:00	
Dec. 3	at New Orleans (Mon.)	8:00	
Dec. 9	CLEVELAND	1:00	
Dec. 16	SEATTLE	1:00	

<b>PITTSBURGH STEELERS</b>			
Sept. 3	at New England (Mon.)	9:00	
Sept. 9	HOUSTON	1:00	
Sept. 16	at St. Louis	3:00	
Sept. 23	BALTIMORE	1:00	
Sept. 30	at Philadelphia	1:00	
Oct. 7	at Cleveland	1:00	
Oct. 14	at Cincinnati	1:00	
Oct. 22	DENVER (Mon.)	9:00	
Oct. 28	DALLAS	1:00	
Nov. 4	WASHINGTON	1:00	
Nov. 11	at Kansas City	NOON	
Nov. 18	at San Diego	1:00	
Nov. 25	CLEVELAND	1:00	
Dec. 2	CINCINNATI	1:00	
Dec. 10	at Houston (Mon.)	8:00	
Dec. 16	BUFFALO	1:00	

<b>SAN DIEGO CHARGERS</b>			
Sept. 2	at Seattle	1:00	
Sept. 9	OAKLAND	1:00	
Sept. 16	BUFFALO	1:00	
Sept. 23	at New England	1:00	
Sept. 30	SAN FRANCISCO	1:00	
Oct. 7	at Denver	2:00	
Oct. 14	SEATTLE	1:00	
Oct. 21	at Los Angeles	1:00	
Oct. 25	at Oakland (Thurs.)	6:00	
Nov. 4	at Kansas City	1:00	
Nov. 11	at Cincinnati	1:00	
Nov. 18	PITTSBURGH	1:00	
Nov. 25	KANSAS CITY	1:00	
Dec. 2	ATLANTA	1:00	
Dec. 9	at New Orleans	3:00	
Dec. 17	DENVER (Mon.)	6:00	

<b>SEATTLE SEAHAWKS</b>			
Sept. 2	SAN DIEGO	1:00	
Sept. 9	at Miami	4:00	
Sept. 16	OAKLAND	1:00	
Sept. 23	at Denver	2:00	
Sept. 30	KANSAS CITY	1:00	
Oct. 7	at San Francisco	1:00	
Oct. 14	at San Diego	1:00	
Oct. 21	HOUSTON	1:00	
Oct. 29	at Atlanta (Mon.)	9:00	
Nov. 4	LOS ANGELES	1:00	
Nov. 11	at Cleveland	1:00	
Nov. 18	NEW ORLEANS	1:00	
Nov. 26	NEW YORK JETS (Mon.)	6:00	
Dec. 2	at Kansas City	1:00	
Dec. 8	DENVER (Sat.)	1:00	
Dec. 16	at Oakland	1:00	

## POSTSEASON GAMES

Sun., Dec. 23	NFL First Round Playoffs (CBS and NBC)
Sat. Dec. 29	AFC and NFC Divisional Playoffs (NBC and CBS)
Sun., Dec. 30	AFC and NFC Divisional Playoffs (NBC and CBS)
Sun., Jan. 6	AFC Championship Game (NBC) NFC Championship Game (CBS)
Sun., Jan. 20	Super Bowl XIV in Rose Bowl, Pasadena, California (CBS)
Sun. Jan. 27	AFC-NFC Pro Bowl at Honolulu, Hawaii (day ABC)

# NATIONAL FOOTBALL CONFERENCE



## 1979 NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE TEAM SCHEDULES

(All times local. All games Sunday  
unless noted otherwise.)

ATLANTA FALCONS			
Sept. 2	at New Orleans	1:00	
Sept. 10	at Philadelphia (Mon.)	9:00	
Sept. 16	DENVER	1:00	
Sept. 23	at Detroit	1:00	
Sept. 30	WASHINGTON	1:00	
Oct. 7	GREEN BAY	1:00	
Oct. 14	at Oakland	1:00	
Oct. 21	at San Francisco	1:00	
Oct. 29	SEATTLE (Mon.)	9:00	
Nov. 4	TAMPA BAY	1:00	
Nov. 11	at New York Giants	4:00	
Nov. 19	at Los Angeles (Mon.)	6:00	
Nov. 25	NEW ORLEANS	1:00	
Dec. 2	at San Diego	1:00	
Dec. 9	LOS ANGELES	1:00	
Dec. 16	SAN FRANCISCO	1:00	

CHICAGO BEARS			
Sept. 2	GREEN BAY	1:00	
Sept. 9	MINNESOTA	NOON	
Sept. 16	at Dallas	3:00	
Sept. 23	at Miami	4:00	
Sept. 30	TAMPA BAY	1:00	
Oct. 7	at Buffalo	1:00	
Oct. 14	NEW ENGLAND	1:00	
Oct. 21	at Minnesota	1:00	
Oct. 28	at San Francisco	1:00	
Nov. 4	DETROIT	3:00	
Nov. 11	LOS ANGELES	1:00	
Nov. 18	NEW YORK JETS	NOON	
Nov. 22	at Detroit (Thurs.)	12:30	
Dec. 2	at Tampa Bay	1:00	
Dec. 9	at Green Bay	NOON	
Dec. 16	ST. LOUIS	1:00	

## MONDAY NIGHT GAMES

(All times local; televised by ABC)

Sept. 3	Pittsburgh at New England	9:00
Sept. 10	Atlanta at Philadelphia	9:00
Sept. 17	N.Y. Giants at Washington	9:00
Sept. 24	Dallas at Cleveland	9:00
Oct. 1	New England at Green Bay	8:00
Oct. 8	Miami at Oakland	6:00
Oct. 15	Minnesota at N.Y. Jets	9:00
Oct. 22	Denver at Pittsburgh	9:00
Oct. 29	Seattle at Atlanta	9:00
Nov. 5	Houston at Miami	9:00
Nov. 12	Philadelphia at Dallas	9:00
Nov. 19	Atlanta at Los Angeles	6:00
Nov. 26	N.Y. Jets at Seattle	6:00
Dec. 3	Oakland at New Orleans	8:00
Dec. 10	Pittsburgh at Houston	8:00
Dec. 17	Denver at San Diego	6:00

## SUNDAY-THURSDAY NIGHT GAMES

(All times local; televised by ABC)

Thurs., Sept. 6	Los Angeles at Denver	6:30
Sun., Oct. 14	Los Angeles at Dallas	8:00
Thurs., Oct. 25	San Diego at Oakland	6:00
Thurs., Nov. 29	New England at Miami	8:30

DALLAS COWBOYS			
Sept. 2	at St. Louis	1:00	
Sept. 9	at San Francisco	1:00	
Sept. 16	CHICAGO	3:00	
Sept. 24	at Cleveland (Mon.)	9:00	
Sept. 30	CINCINNATI	3:00	
Oct. 7	at Minnesota	3:00	
Oct. 14	LOS ANGELES	8:00	
Oct. 21	ST. LOUIS	1:00	
Oct. 28	at Pittsburgh	1:00	
Nov. 4	at New York Giants	1:00	
Nov. 12	PHILADELPHIA (Mon.)	8:00	
Nov. 18	at Washington	1:00	
Nov. 22	HOUSTON (Thanks.)	3:00	
Dec. 2	NEW YORK GIANTS	3:00	
Dec. 8	at Philadelphia (Sat.)	12:30	
Dec. 16	WASHINGTON	3:00	

DETROIT LIONS			
Sept. 1	at Tampa Bay (Sat.)	8:00	
Sept. 9	WASHINGTON	1:00	
Sept. 16	at New York Jets	1:00	
Sept. 23	ATLANTA	1:00	
Sept. 30	MINNESOTA	1:00	
Oct. 14	vs. Green Bay (Milw.)	3:00	
Oct. 21	at New Orleans	1:00	
Oct. 28	BUFFALO	1:00	
Nov. 4	at Chicago	3:00	
Nov. 11	TAMPA BAY	1:00	
Nov. 18	at Minnesota	1:00	
Nov. 22	CHICAGO (Thanks.)	12:30	
Dec. 2	at Philadelphia	1:00	
Dec. 9	MIAMI	1:00	
Dec. 15	GREEN BAY (Sat.)	4:00	

GREEN BAY PACKERS			
Sept. 2	at Chicago	1:00	
Sept. 9	NEW ORLEANS (Milw.)	NOON	

Sept. 16	TAMPA BAY	1:00
Sept. 23	at Minnesota	NOON
Oct. 1	NEW ENGLAND (Mon.)	8:00
Oct. 7	at Atlanta	1:00
Oct. 14	DETROIT (Milw.)	3:00
Oct. 21	at Tampa Bay	1:00
Oct. 28	at Miami	4:00
Nov. 4	NEW YORK JETS	3:00
Nov. 11	MINNESOTA (Milw.)	1:00
Nov. 18	at Buffalo	1:00
Nov. 25	PHILADELPHIA	1:00
Dec. 2	at Washington	1:00
Dec. 9	CHICAGO	NOON
Dec. 15	at Detroit (Sat.)	4:00

LOS ANGELES RAMS			
Sept. 2	OAKLAND	1:00	
Sept. 6	at Denver (Thurs.)	6:30	
Sept. 16	SAN FRANCISCO	1:00	
Sept. 23	at Tampa Bay	4:00	
Sept. 30	ST. LOUIS	1:00	
Oct. 7	at New Orleans	3:00	
Oct. 14	at Dallas	8:00	
Oct. 21	SAN DIEGO	1:00	
Oct. 28	NEW YORK GIANTS	1:00	
Nov. 4	at Seattle	1:00	
Nov. 11	at Chicago	1:00	
Nov. 19	ATLANTA (Mon.)	6:00	
Nov. 25	at San Francisco	1:00	
Dec. 2	MINNESOTA	1:00	
Dec. 9	at Atlanta	1:00	
Dec. 16	NEW ORLEANS	1:00	

MINNESOTA VIKINGS			
Sept. 2	SAN FRANCISCO	NOON	
Sept. 9	at Chicago	NOON	
Sept. 16	MIAMI	1:00	
Sept. 23	GREEN BAY	NOON	

## 1979 AFC-NFC INTERCONFERENCE GAMES

(Sunday unless noted; all times local)

Sept. 2	Houston at Washington	1:00
Sept. 6	Oakland at Los Angeles	1:00
Sept. 9	(Thurs.) Los Angeles at Denver	6:30
Sept. 16	Tampa Bay at Baltimore	2:00
Sept. 23	Denver at Atlanta	1:00
Sept. 24	Detroit at N.Y. Jets	1:00
Sept. 30	Miami at Minnesota	1:00
Sept. 30	Pittsburgh at St. Louis	3:00
Sept. 30	Chicago at Miami	4:00
Sept. 30	(Mon.) Dallas at Cleveland	9:00
Sept. 30	Cincinnati at Dallas	3:00
Oct. 1	Pittsburgh at Philadelphia	1:00
Oct. 1	San Francisco at San Diego	1:00
Oct. 1	(Mon.) New England at Green Bay	8:00
Oct. 7	Chicago at Buffalo	1:00
Oct. 7	Detroit at New England	1:00
Oct. 7	St. Louis at Houston	1:00
Oct. 14	Seattle at San Francisco	1:00
Oct. 14	Atlanta at Oakland	1:00
Oct. 14	New England at Chicago	1:00
Oct. 15	Washington at Cleveland	1:00
Oct. 15	(Mon.) Minnesota at N.Y. Jets	9:00
Oct. 21	N.Y. Giants at Kansas City	3:00
Oct. 21	San Diego at Los Angeles	1:00
Oct. 28	Buffalo at Detroit	1:00
Oct. 28	Cleveland at St. Louis	1:00
Oct. 29	Dallas at Pittsburgh	1:00
Oct. 29	Green Bay at Miami	4:00
Oct. 29	Philadelphia at Cincinnati	4:00
Oct. 29	(Mon.) Seattle at Atlanta	9:00
Nov. 4	Cleveland at Philadelphia	1:00
Nov. 4	Los Angeles at Seattle	1:00
Nov. 11	New Orleans at Denver	2:00
Nov. 18	N.Y. Jets at Green Bay	3:00
Nov. 18	San Francisco at Oakland	1:00
Nov. 18	Washington at Pittsburgh	1:00
Nov. 18	Denver at San Francisco	1:00
Nov. 18	Green Bay at Buffalo	1:00
Nov. 22	New Orleans at Seattle	1:00
Nov. 22	N.Y. Jets at Chicago	NOON
Nov. 25	(Thurs.) Houston at Dallas	3:00
Nov. 25	St. Louis at Cincinnati	1:00
Dec. 2	Atlanta at San Diego	1:00
Dec. 3	(Mon.) Oakland at New Orleans	8:00
Dec. 9	Buffalo at Minnesota	1:00
Dec. 9	Cincinnati at Washington	1:00
Dec. 9	Miami at Detroit	1:00
Dec. 16	San Diego at New Orleans	3:00
Dec. 16	Baltimore at N.Y. Giants	1:00
Dec. 16	Kansas City at Tampa Bay	1:00
Dec. 16	Minnesota at New England	1:00
Dec. 16	Philadelphia at Houston	3:00

## 1979 NATIONALLY TELEVIEWED GAMES

REGULAR SEASON

Mon., Sept. 3	Pittsburgh at New England (night, ABC)
Thurs., Sept. 6	Los Angeles at Denver (night, ABC)
Mon., Sept. 10	Atlanta at Philadelphia (night, ABC)
Mon., Sept. 17	N.Y. Giants at Washington (night, ABC)
Mon., Sept. 24	Dallas at Cleveland (night, ABC)
Mon., Oct. 1	New England at Green Bay (night, ABC)
Mon., Oct. 8	Miami at Oakland (night, ABC)
Sun., Oct. 14	Los Angeles at Dallas (night, ABC)
Mon., Oct. 15	Minnesota at N.Y. Jets (night, ABC)
Mon., Oct. 22	Denver at Pittsburgh (night, ABC)
Thurs., Oct. 25	San Diego at Oakland (night, ABC)
Mon., Oct. 29	Seattle at Atlanta (night, ABC)
Mon., Nov. 5	Houston at Miami (night, ABC)
Mon., Nov. 12	Philadelphia at Dallas (night, ABC)
Mon., Nov. 19	Atlanta at Los Angeles (night, ABC)
Thurs., Nov. 22 (Thanksgiving)	Chicago at Detroit (day, CBS) Houston at Dallas (day, NBC)
Mon., Nov. 26	N.Y. Jets at Seattle (night, ABC)
Thurs., Nov. 29	New England at Miami (night, ABC)
Mon., Dec. 3	Oakland at New Orleans (night, ABC)
Sat., Dec. 8	Dallas at Philadelphia (day, CBS) Denver at Seattle (day, NBC)
Mon., Dec. 10	Pittsburgh at Houston (night, ABC)
Sat., Dec. 15	Green Bay at Detroit (day, CBS) N.Y. Jets at Miami (day, NBC)
Mon., Dec. 17	Denver at San Diego (night, ABC)





# "THE BUCS STILL FARE BEST"

The relatively new NFL system for arranging competitive schedules has had one 16-week season in which to prove itself, and so far it has shown some tendency to do that. The easy/tough schedule chart, which we have run in this space for years, shows that the team with the easiest 1979 schedule on paper, Tampa Bay, will play teams with a conglomerate won/lost mark of .441%, whereas last year's easiest schedule, on paper, went to the same Tampa Bay, but with an opponent percentage of .429. There is the same slight leveling at the tough end of the chart.

But in the new system, in which the list of opponents depends on the


position of finish in the previous year's standings, there's still a whale of a difference between a fourth-place finish and a fifth-place finish. Two examples:

In 1978, Buffalo and Baltimore finished with identical 5-11 marks. But in the fine point process of establishing a tie-breaker, Baltimore was awarded the cellar, giving the Colts the 10th easiest schedule in the NFL for '79, while Buffalo, awarded fourth place, drew the 27th easiest, one position away from the dreaded toughest schedule of all. And had the tie-breaker worked the other way, the schedules of Baltimore and Buffalo would have been switched, precisely.

St. Louis and the New York Giants

finished in a tie for fourth and fifth in the NFC East. The tie-breaker gave fourth place to St. Louis and gave the Giants a far superior schedule for 1979 (the Giants have the third easiest, the Cards the 24th easiest).

So, when the visiting team is rolling up a score against your favorites, don't accuse the opposition coach of "pouring it on." He may be acting on the knowledge that tie-breakers in selecting playoff teams can be based on which team scored more points.

On the other hand, if he loses the tie-breaker for fourth place, he may be far better off next year in the draft and in the schedule. It's something NFL officials don't like to think about. 

# "BENGALS BITE THE BULLET"

THE NFL'S EASY/TOUGH 1978 SCHEDULE,  
RATED BY THE TOTAL 1978 WON/LOST MARKS  
OF EACH TEAM'S 1978 OPPONENTS.

	OPP. W-L-T	OPP. PCT.	A	B
1 TAMPA BAY	111-141-4	.441	4	6
2 PITTSBURGH	115-141	.449	5	9
3 ATLANTA	117-139	.457	4	6
4 NEW YORK GIANTS	119-137	.465	6	8
5 CHICAGO	118-134-4	.469	4	10
5 DETROIT	118-134-4	.469	4	10
7 LOS ANGELES	120-134-2	.473	7	9
8 MIAMI	125-131	.488	5	10
8 NEW ENGLAND	125-131	.488	5	10
10 BUFFALO	125-131	.488	6	9
11 WASHINGTON	126-130	.492	7	8
12 CLEVELAND	127-129	.496	7	9
13 DENVER	127-127-2	.500	2	11
14 DALLAS	128-126-2	.504	6	10
15 SEATTLE	129-125-2	.508	4	11
16 ST. LOUIS	130-126	.508	7	10
17 KANSAS CITY	131-125	.512	4	11
18 SAN FRANCISCO	131-125	.512	6	8
19 HOUSTON	131-125	.512	6	10
20 OAKLAND	130-124-2	.512	6	11
20 SAN DIEGO	130-124-2	.512	6	11
22 NEW ORLEANS	130-124-2	.512	9	11
23 MINNESOTA	131-123-2	.516	4	9
24 GREEN BAY	131-123-2	.516	6	9
25 PHILADELPHIA	134-120-2	.527	6	10
26 NEW YORK JETS	140-116	.547	8	11
27 CINCINNATI	143-113	.559	8	12
28 BALTIMORE	146-110	.570	8	13
3568-3568-32		.500	160	272

A—Games played in 1978 against teams which made the 1978 playoffs.

B—Games played in 1978 against teams which had a .500 or better won/lost percentage in 1978.

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	OPP. W-L-T	OPP. PCT.	A	B
1 TAMPA BAY	111-141-4	.441	4	6
2 LOS ANGELES	117-138-1	.459	5	8
3 NEW YORK GIANTS	119-137	.465	6	8
4 MINNESOTA	121-133-2	.477	4	7
5 ATLANTA	122-133-1	.479	4	9
6 GREEN BAY	122-132-2	.480	6	8
7 PITTSBURGH	123-133	.480	6	10
8 DALLAS	123-132-1	.482	6	9
9 MIAMI	124-130-2	.488	4	10
10 CHICAGO	123-129-4	.488	6	9
10 BALTIMORE	125-131	.488	6	9
12 DENVER	126-130	.492	4	10
13 NEW ENGLAND	125-129-2	.492	5	9
14 DETROIT	124-128-4	.492	6	10
15 NEW ORLEANS	126-129-1	.494	6	11
16 SAN DIEGO	128-128	.500	6	10
17 KANSAS CITY	131-125	.512	4	11
18 NEW YORK JETS	130-124-2	.512	6	10
19 OAKLAND	131-125	.512	6	12
19 SEATTLE	131-125	.512	6	12
21 PHILADELPHIA	131-124-1	.514	5	9
22 HOUSTON	133-123	.520	5	11
23 WASHINGTON	133-122-1	.521	7	9
24 ST. LOUIS	135-120-1	.529	8	11
25 CLEVELAND	137-119	.535	7	11
26 SAN FRANCISCO	137-118-1	.537	7	10
27 BUFFALO	137-117-2	.539	7	11
28 CINCINNATI	143-113	.559	8	12
3568-3568-32		.500	160	272

A—Games scheduled in 1979 against teams which made the 1978 playoffs.

B—Games scheduled in 1979 against teams which had a .500 or better won/lost percentage in 1978.

# 1978 OFFICIAL NFL STATISTICS

## RUSHING

### AFC - INDIVIDUALS

	Att	Yards	Avg	Long	TD
Campbell, Earl, Hou. ....	302	1450	4.8	t81	13
Williams, Delvin, Mia. ....	272	1258	4.6	58	8
Harris, Franco, Pitt. ....	310	1082	3.5	37	8
van Eeghen, Mark, Oak. ....	270	1080	4.0	34	9
Miller, Terry, Buff. ....	238	1060	4.5	t60	7
Reed, Tony, K.C. ....	206	1053	5.1	t62	5
Pruitt, Greg, Clev. ....	176	960	5.5	t70	3
Washington, Joe, Balt. ....	240	956	4.0	29	0
Long, Kevin, N.Y.J. ....	214	954	4.5	27	10
Mitchell, Lydell, S.D. ....	214	820	3.8	25	3
Smith, Sherman, Sea. ....	165	805	4.9	67	6
Cunningham, Sam, N.E. ....	199	768	3.9	t52	8
Johnson, Pete, Cin. ....	180	762	4.2	t50	7
Sims, David, Sea. ....	174	752	4.3	t44	14
Ivory, Horace, N.E. ....	141	693	4.9	28	11
Dierking, Scott, N.Y.J. ....	170	681	4.0	26	4
Johnson, Andy, N.E. ....	147	675	4.6	52	3
Whittington, Arthur, Oak. ..	172	661	3.8	t26	7
Bleier, Rocky, Pitt. ....	165	633	3.8	24	5
McKnight, Ted, K.C. ....	104	627	6.0	t41	6
Morgado, Arnold, K.C. ....	160	593	3.7	18	7
Brown, Curtis, Buff. ....	128	591	4.6	t58	4
Pruitt, Mike, Clev. ....	135	560	4.1	t71	5
Grogan, Steve, N.E. ....	81	539	6.7	31	5
Woods, Don, S.D. ....	151	514	3.4	27	3
Harris, Leroy, Mia. ....	123	512	4.2	51	2
Griffin, Archie, Cin. ....	132	484	3.7	30	0
Perrin, Lonnie, Den. ....	108	455	4.2	28	4
Keyworth, Jon, Den. ....	112	444	4.0	30	3
Wilson, Tim, Hou. ....	126	431	3.4	24	0
Calhoun, Don, N.E. ....	76	391	5.1	73	1
Armstrong, Otis, Den. ....	112	381	3.4	20	1
Lee, Ron, Balt. ....	81	374	4.6	24	1
Canada, Lawrence, Den. ....	79	365	4.6	47	3
Hooks, Roland, Buff. ....	76	358	4.7	66	2
Carpenter, Rob, Hou. ....	82	348	4.2	20	5
Hunter, Al, Sea. ....	105	348	3.3	t55	2
Lytle, Rob, Den. ....	81	341	4.2	25	2
Miller, Cleo, Clev. ....	89	336	3.8	18	1
Turner, David, Cin. ....	84	333	4.0	65	0
Davis, Gary, Mia. ....	62	313	5.0	t65	3
Bauer, Hank, S.D. ....	85	304	3.6	t37	8
Harper, Bruce, N.Y.J. ....	58	303	5.2	32	2
Bailey, Mark, K.C. ....	83	298	3.6	17	0
Preston, Dave, Den. ....	66	296	4.5	16	1
Zorn, Jim, Sea. ....	59	290	4.9	t23	6
Hill, Calvin, Clev. ....	80	289	3.6	21	1
Matthews, Bo, S.D. ....	71	286	4.0	28	0
Lane, MacArthur, K.C. ....	52	277	5.3	30	0
Leaks, Roosevelt, Balt. ....	83	266	3.2	11	2
Thornton, Sidney, Pitt. ....	71	264	3.7	27	2
Hardeman, Don, Balt. ....	48	244	5.1	46	0
Johnson, Dennis D., Buff. ..	55	222	4.0	30	2
Bulaich, Norm, Mia. ....	40	196	4.9	63	2
Robiskie, Terry, Oak. ....	49	189	3.9	18	2
Coleman, Ronnie, Hou. ....	61	188	3.1	16	1
Clark, Boobie, Cin. ....	40	187	4.7	20	0
Anderson, Ken, Cin. ....	29	167	5.8	16	1
Testerman, Don, Sea. ....	43	155	3.6	16	0
Gaines, Clark, N.Y.J. ....	44	154	3.5	33	2
Moser, Rick, Pitt. ....	42	153	3.6	15	0
Banaszak, Pete, Oak. ....	43	137	3.2	10	0
Braxton, Jim, Buff.-Mia. ....	50	121	2.4	15	2
McCauley, Don, Balt. ....	44	107	2.4	10	5
Newsome, Ozzie, Clev. ....	13	96	7.4	t33	2
Bradshaw, Terry, Pitt. ....	32	93	2.9	17	1

### NFC - INDIVIDUALS

	Att	Yards	Avg	Long	TD
Payton, Walter, Chi. ....	333	1395	4.2	76	11
Dorsett, Tony, Dall. ....	290	1325	4.6	63	7
Montgomery, Wilbert, Phil. .	259	1220	4.7	47	9
Middleton, Terrell, G.B. ....	284	1116	3.9	t76	11
Riggins, John, Wash. ....	248	1014	4.1	31	5
Harper, Roland, Chi. ....	240	992	4.1	31	6
Bussey, Dexter, Det. ....	225	924	4.1	36	5
Foreman, Chuck, Minn. ....	237	749	3.2	21	5
Bean, Bubba, Atl. ....	193	707	3.7	t25	3
Bell, Ricky, T.B. ....	185	679	3.7	56	6
Otis, Jim, St.L. ....	197	664	3.4	17	8
King, Horace, Det. ....	155	660	4.3	t75	4
Bryant, Cullen, L.A. ....	178	658	3.7	26	7
Galbreath, Tony, N.O. ....	186	635	3.4	t20	5
Morris, Wayne, St.L. ....	174	631	3.6	27	1
Kotar, Doug, N.Y.G. ....	149	625	4.2	46	1
Hogan, Mike, Phil. ....	145	607	4.2	33	4
Cappelletti, John, L.A. ....	174	604	3.5	26	3
Simpson, O.J., S.F. ....	161	593	3.7	34	1
Stanback, Haskel, Atl. ....	188	588	3.1	26	5
Newhouse, Robert, Dall. ....	140	584	4.2	24	8
Smith, Barty, G.B. ....	154	567	3.7	33	4
Muncie, Chuck, N.O. ....	160	557	3.5	t28	7
Hammond, Bobby, N.Y.G. ....	131	554	4.2	39	1
Thomas, Mike, Wash. ....	161	533	3.3	26	3
Ferrell, Bob, S.F. ....	125	471	3.8	20	1
Hofer, Paul, S.F. ....	121	465	3.8	40	7
McCutcheon, Lawrence, L.A. .	118	420	3.6	18	0
Young, Rickey, Minn. ....	134	417	3.1	16	1
Jones, Steve, St.L. ....	105	392	3.7	17	2
Strachan, Mike, N.O. ....	108	388	3.6	21	4
Davis, Johnny, T.B. ....	97	370	3.8	18	3
Boykin, Greg, S.F. ....	102	361	3.5	23	2
DuBose, Jimmy, T.B. ....	93	358	3.8	12	4
Laidlaw, Scott, Dall. ....	75	312	4.2	59	3
Csonka, Larry, N.Y.G. ....	91	311	3.4	12	6
Doornink, Dan, N.Y.G. ....	60	306	5.1	24	1
Carter, Louis, T.B. ....	81	275	3.4	17	1
Taylor, Billy, N.Y.G. ....	73	250	3.4	19	0
Campfield, Bill, Phil. ....	61	247	4.0	50	0
Miller, Robert, Minn. ....	70	213	3.0	19	3
Haden, Pat, L.A. ....	33	206	6.2	24	0
Patton, Ricky, Atl. ....	68	206	3.0	15	1
Manning, Archie, N.O. ....	38	202	5.3	19	1
Rae, Mike, T.B. ....	20	186	9.3	42	0
Staubach, Roger, Dall. ....	42	182	4.3	23	1
Gaines, Lawrence, Det. ....	54	178	3.3	12	1
Theismann, Joe, Wash. ....	37	177	4.8	20	1
Franklin, Cleveland, Phil. .	60	167	2.8	9	0
Kane, Rick, Det. ....	44	153	3.5	19	2
Harmon, Clarence, Wash. ....	34	141	4.1	47	0
Harrell, Willard, St.L. ....	35	134	3.8	15	0
Ragsdale, George, T.B. ....	25	121	4.8	18	1
Malone, Benny, Mia.-Wash. ..	33	110	3.3	31	1
Pearson, Preston, Dall. ....	25	104	4.2	18	0
Jodat, Jim, L.A. ....	26	100	3.8	18	0
Bull, Scott, S.F. ....	29	100	3.4	t15	1
Strong, Ray, Atl. ....	30	99	3.3	14	2
Brinson, Larry, Dall. ....	18	96	5.3	t39	2
Dean, Randy, N.Y.G. ....	14	94	6.7	19	0
Danielson, Gary, Det. ....	22	93	4.2	25	0
Culbreath, Jim, G.B. ....	30	92	3.1	15	0
Green, Tony, Wash. ....	22	82	3.7	13	1
Phillips, Rod, L.A. ....	28	81	2.9	11	0
Jaworski, Ron, Phil. ....	30	79	2.6	15	0
Dennison, Doug, Dall. ....	14	75	5.4	23	1

t = Touchdown Leader based on most yards gained

# STATISTICS

## RUSHING (Cont.)

AMERICAN FOOTBALL CONFERENCE						NATIONAL FOOTBALL CONFERENCE					
	Att	Yards	Avg	Long	TD		Att	Yards	Avg	Long	TD
New England .....	671	3,165	4.7	73	30	Dallas .....	625	2,783	4.5	63	22
Kansas City .....	663	2,986	4.5	t62	19	Chicago .....	634	2,526	4.0	76	19
Cleveland .....	559	2,488	4.5	t71	17	Philadelphia .....	587	2,456	4.2	50	16
Houston .....	603	2,476	4.1	t81	19	Los Angeles .....	609	2,308	3.8	26	12
Denver .....	601	2,451	4.1	47	15	New York Giants ....	580	2,304	4.0	46	12
Seattle .....	561	2,394	4.3	67	28	Detroit .....	525	2,163	4.1	t75	12
Buffalo .....	556	2,381	4.3	66	15	Tampa Bay .....	549	2,098	3.8	56	16
Miami .....	548	2,366	4.3	t65	18	San Francisco .....	585	2,091	3.6	40	14
Pittsburgh .....	641	2,297	3.6	37	16	Washington .....	537	2,082	3.9	47	10
New York Jets .....	562	2,250	4.0	33	21	Green Bay .....	550	2,023	3.7	t76	16
Oakland .....	577	2,186	3.8	34	18	St. Louis .....	554	1,954	3.5	32	14
Cincinnati .....	526	2,131	4.1	65	10	New Orleans .....	512	1,845	3.6	t28	17
San Diego .....	590	2,096	3.6	t37	16	Atlanta .....	533	1,660	3.1	26	13
Baltimore .....	532	2,044	3.8	46	9	Minnesota .....	505	1,536	3.0	22	10
Conference Total	8,190	33,711	---	t81	251	Conference Total	7,885	29,829	---	t76	203
Conference Average	585.0	2,407.9	4.1	---	17.9	Conference Average	563.2	2,130.6	3.8	---	14.5
t = Touchdown						League Total	16,075	63,540	---	t81	454
Leader based on most yards gained						League Average	574.1	2,269.3	4.0	---	16.2

## PASSING

### AFC INDIVIDUAL QUALIFIERS

	Att	Comp	Pct	Yards	Avg	TD	Pct	Long	Int	Pct	Rating
			Comp		Gain		TD			Int	Points
Bradshaw, Terry, Pitt. ....	368	207	56.3	2915	7.92	28	7.6	70	20	5.4	84.8
Fouts, Dan, S.D. ....	381	224	58.8	2999	7.87	24	6.3	t55	20	5.2	83.2
Griese, Bob, Mia. ....	235	148	63.0	1791	7.62	11	4.7	t63	11	4.7	82.4
Sipe, Brian, Clev. ....	399	222	55.6	2906	7.28	21	5.3	t69	15	3.8	80.6
Morton, Craig, Den. ....	267	146	54.7	1802	6.75	11	4.1	t42	8	3.0	77.0
Zorn, Jim, Sea. ....	443	248	56.0	3283	7.41	15	3.4	64	20	4.5	72.2
Ferguson, Joe, Buff. ....	330	175	53.0	2136	6.47	16	4.8	t92	15	4.5	70.5
Pastorini, Dan, Hou. ....	368	199	54.1	2473	6.72	16	4.3	t80	17	4.6	70.3
Robinson, Matt, N.Y.J. ....	266	124	46.6	2002	7.53	13	4.9	t77	16	6.0	63.6
Grogan, Steve, N.E. ....	362	181	50.0	2824	7.80	15	4.1	t75	23	6.4	63.3
Stabler, Ken, Oak. ....	406	237	58.4	2944	7.25	16	3.9	49	30	7.4	63.1
Anderson, Ken, Cin. ....	319	173	54.2	2219	6.96	10	3.1	57	22	6.9	57.8
Livingston, Mike, K.C. ....	290	159	54.8	1573	5.42	5	1.7	44	13	4.5	57.3
Troup, Bill, Balt. ....	296	154	52.0	1882	6.36	10	3.4	t67	21	7.1	53.7

### NFC INDIVIDUAL QUALIFIERS

	Att	Comp	Pct	Yards	Avg	TD	Pct	Long	Int	Pct	Rating
			Comp		Gain		TD			Int	Points
Staubach, Roger, Dall. ....	413	231	55.9	3190	7.72	25	6.1	t91	16	3.9	84.9
Manning, Archie, N.O. ....	471	291	61.8	3416	7.25	17	3.6	t71	16	3.4	81.6
Danielson, Gary, Det. ....	351	199	56.7	2294	6.54	18	5.1	47	17	4.8	73.6
Tarkenton, Fran, Minn. ....	572	345	60.3	3468	6.06	25	4.4	t58	32	5.6	68.9
Jaworski, Ron, Phil. ....	398	206	51.8	2487	6.25	16	4.0	t56	16	4.0	68.0
Hart, Jim, St.L. ....	477	240	50.3	3121	6.54	16	3.4	74	18	3.8	66.8
Haden, Pat, L.A. ....	444	229	51.6	2995	6.75	13	2.9	t68	19	4.3	65.0
Theismann, Joe, Wash. ....	390	187	47.9	2593	6.65	13	3.3	63	18	4.6	61.6
Bartkowski, Steve, Atl. ....	369	187	50.7	2489	6.75	10	2.7	71	18	4.9	61.1
Whitehurst, David, G.B. ....	328	168	51.2	2093	6.38	10	3.0	t58	17	5.2	59.7
Avellini, Bob, Chi. ....	264	141	53.4	1718	6.51	5	1.9	61	16	6.1	54.6
Williams, Doug, T.B. ....	194	73	37.6	1170	6.03	7	3.6	t56	8	4.1	53.5
Pisarcik, Joe, N.Y.G. ....	301	143	47.5	2096	6.96	12	4.0	t67	23	7.6	52.3
DeBerg, Steve, S.F. ....	302	137	45.4	1570	5.20	8	2.6	t58	22	7.3	39.8

### AMERICAN FOOTBALL CONFERENCE

AMERICAN FOOTBALL CONFERENCE															
			Pct	Gross		Yards	Net	Avg	Avg		Pct		Had	Pct	Rating
	Att	Comp	Comp	Yards	Tkd	Lost	Yards	Yds	Yds	TD	TD	Long	Int	Int	Points
Miami .....	379	226	59.6	2,707	27	238	2,469	7.14	11.98	24	6.3	t63	18	4.7	82.9
Pittsburgh .....	380	212	55.8	2,961	25	262	2,699	7.79	13.97	28	7.4	70	22	5.8	81.6
Denver .....	391	217	55.5	2,710	48	332	2,378	6.93	12.49	17	4.3	t42	17	4.3	73.6
Cleveland .....	442	236	53.4	3,137	35	278	2,859	7.10	13.29	22	5.0	t69	21	4.8	72.8
t = Touchdown															

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San Diego .....	477	271	56.8	3,566	32	191	3,375	7.48	13.16	26	5.5	t55	30	6.3	72.7
Buffalo .....	388	203	52.3	2,503	30	254	2,249	6.45	12.33	21	5.4	t92	17	4.4	70.2
Seattle .....	467	261	55.9	3,401	44	284	3,117	7.28	13.03	15	3.2	t64	22	4.7	72.1
Houston .....	373	201	53.9	2,473	17	135	2,338	6.63	12.30	16	4.3	t80	17	4.6	69.8
Oakland .....	433	251	58.0	3,095	39	368	2,727	7.15	12.33	16	3.7	49	31	7.2	62.6
New England .....	390	196	50.3	3,006	24	206	2,800	7.71	15.34	15	3.8	t75	25	6.4	62.1
New York Jets ....	388	193	49.7	2,957	43	350	2,607	7.62	15.32	19	4.9	t77	28	7.2	61.6
Kansas City .....	370	204	55.1	2,032	21	198	1,834	5.49	9.96	7	1.9	44	16	4.3	59.3
Cincinnati .....	470	250	53.2	3,039	38	298	2,741	6.47	12.16	14	3.0	57	30	6.4	56.7
Baltimore .....	383	202	52.7	2,543	49	480	2,063	6.64	12.59	17	4.4	t78	30	7.8	55.8
Conference Total	5,731	3,123	----	40,130	472	3,874	36,256	----	----	257	---	t92	324	---	----
Conference Average	409.4	223.1	54.5	2,866.4	33.7	276.7	2,589.7	7.00	12.85	18.4	4.5	--	23.1	5.7	67.9

## NATIONAL FOOTBALL CONFERENCE

	Att	Comp	Pct	Gross Yards	Tkd	Yards Lost	Net Yards	Avg Yds Att	Avg Yds Comp	TD	Pct TD	Long	Had Int	Pct Int	Rating Points
Dallas .....	449	251	55.9	3,405	33	229	3,176	7.58	13.57	25	5.6	t91	17	3.8	83.1
New Orleans .....	479	294	61.4	3,452	37	301	3,151	7.21	11.74	17	3.5	t71	16	3.3	81.2
Detroit .....	429	247	57.6	2,746	47	444	2,302	6.40	11.12	19	4.4	47	18	4.2	73.9
Philadelphia .....	401	207	51.6	2,485	41	288	2,197	6.20	12.00	16	4.0	t56	16	4.0	67.6
Minnesota .....	592	352	59.5	3,528	30	285	3,243	5.96	10.02	25	4.2	t58	34	5.7	66.8
St. Louis .....	508	252	49.6	3,357	22	186	3,171	6.61	13.32	16	3.1	74	21	4.1	64.2
Washington .....	438	212	48.4	2,978	46	413	2,565	6.80	14.05	17	3.9	63	21	4.8	63.8
Los Angeles .....	466	236	50.6	3,109	34	235	2,874	6.67	13.17	13	2.8	t68	22	4.7	61.8
Green Bay .....	357	180	50.4	2,358	37	274	2,084	6.61	13.10	11	3.1	t58	18	5.0	61.1
Atlanta .....	449	221	49.2	2,883	56	481	2,402	6.42	13.05	11	2.4	71	23	5.1	56.6
Tampa Bay .....	361	151	41.8	2,171	52	468	1,703	6.01	14.38	12	3.3	66	18	5.0	52.1
New York Giants ..	382	176	46.1	2,428	38	283	2,145	6.36	13.80	13	3.4	t67	27	7.1	48.8
Chicago .....	352	186	52.8	2,221	34	288	1,933	6.31	11.94	7	2.0	61	28	8.0	45.7
San Francisco ....	435	190	43.7	2,306	42	350	1,956	5.30	12.14	9	2.1	t58	36	8.3	33.0
Conference Total	6,098	3,155	----	39,427	549	4,525	34,902	----	----	211	---	t91	315	---	----
Conference Average	435.6	225.4	51.7	2,816.2	39.2	323.2	2,493.0	6.47	12.50	15.1	3.5	--	22.5	5.2	62.1
League Total	11,829	6,278	----	79,557	1,021	8,399	71,158	----	----	468	---	t92	639	---	----
League Average	422.5	224.2	53.1	2,841.3	36.5	300.0	2,541.4	6.73	12.67	16.7	4.0	--	22.8	5.4	65.2

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## AFC - INDIVIDUALS

	No	Yards	Avg	Long	TD
Largent, Steve, Sea. ....	71	1168	16.5	t57	8
Casper, Dave, Oak. ....	62	852	13.7	44	9
Swann, Lynn, Pitt. ....	61	880	14.4	62	11
Mitchell, Lydell, S.D. ....	57	500	8.8	t55	2
Jefferson, John, S.D. ....	56	1001	17.9	t46	13
Odoms, Riley, Den. ....	54	829	15.4	t42	6
Branch, Cliff, Oak. ....	49	709	14.5	41	1
Walker, Wesley, N.Y.J. ....	48	1169	24.4	t77	8
Moore, Nat, Mia. ....	48	645	13.4	47	10
Reed, Tony, K.C. ....	48	483	10.1	44	1
Curtis, Isaac, Cin. ....	47	737	15.7	57	3
Burrough, Ken, Hou. ....	47	624	13.3	44	2
Harris, Duriel, Mia. ....	45	654	14.5	t63	3
Washington, Joe, Balt. ....	45	377	8.4	33	1
Chandler, Bob, Buff. ....	44	581	13.2	44	5
Rucker, Reggie, Clev. ....	43	893	20.8	t69	8
White, Walter, K.C. ....	42	340	8.1	24	1
Stallworth, John, Pitt. ....	41	798	19.5	70	9
Lewis, Frank, Buff. ....	41	735	17.9	t92	7
Bradshaw, Morris, Oak. ....	40	552	13.8	t44	2
Francis, Russ, N.E. ....	39	543	13.9	53	4
Gaffney, Derrick, N.Y.J. ....	38	691	18.2	50	3
Newsome, Ozzie, Clev. ....	38	589	15.5	47	2
Pruitt, Greg, Clev. ....	38	292	7.7	t26	2
Moses, Haven, Den. ....	37	744	20.1	42	5
Jackson, Harold, N.E. ....	37	743	20.1	57	6
Logan, Dave, Clev. ....	37	585	15.8	44	4
McCullum, Sam, Sea. ....	37	525	14.2	t44	3
Grossman, Randy, Pitt. ....	37	448	12.1	26	1
Lane, MacArthur, K.C. ....	36	279	7.8	44	0
Griffin, Archie, Cin. ....	35	284	8.1	27	3
Morgan, Stanley, N.E. ....	34	820	24.1	t75	5

## NFC - INDIVIDUALS

	No	Yards	Avg	Long	TD
Young, Rickey, Minn. ....	88	704	8.0	48	5
Galbreath, Tony, N.O. ....	74	582	7.9	35	2
Rashad, Ahmad, Minn. ....	66	769	11.7	t58	8
Tilley, Pat, St.L. ....	62	900	14.5	43	3
Foreman, Chuck, Minn. ....	61	396	6.5	20	2
Carmichael, Harold, Phil. ...	55	1072	19.5	t56	8
Childs, Henry, N.O. ....	53	869	16.4	52	4
White, Sammy, Minn. ....	53	741	14.0	t33	9
Hill, David, Det. ....	53	633	11.9	32	4
Miller, Willie, L.A. ....	50	767	15.3	52	5
Payton, Walter, Chi. ....	50	480	9.6	61	0
Jessie, Ron, L.A. ....	49	752	15.3	49	4
King, Horace, Det. ....	48	396	8.3	34	2
Tucker, Bob, Minn. ....	47	540	11.5	35	0
Pearson, Preston, Dall. ....	47	526	11.2	34	0
Hill, Tony, Dall. ....	46	823	17.9	54	6
Lofton, James, G.B. ....	46	818	17.8	t58	6
Francis, Wallace, Atl. ....	45	695	15.4	t54	3
Ryckman, Billy, Atl. ....	45	679	15.1	t59	2
Gray, Mel, St.L. ....	44	871	19.8	74	1
Pearson, Drew, Dall. ....	44	714	16.2	t53	3
Harper, Roland, Chi. ....	43	340	7.9	t33	2
Scott, James, Chi. ....	42	759	18.1	59	5
Cappelletti, John, L.A. ....	41	382	9.3	37	1
Harris, Ike, N.O. ....	40	590	14.8	45	4
Owens, Tinker, N.O. ....	40	446	11.2	t47	2
Scott, Freddie, Det. ....	37	564	15.2	47	2
Dorsett, Tony, Dall. ....	37	378	10.2	t91	2
Smith, Barty, G.B. ....	37	256	6.9	24	0
Buggs, Danny, Wash. ....	36	575	16.0	63	2
Chandler, Wes, N.O. ....	35	472	13.5	t58	2
Thomas, Mike, Wash. ....	35	387	11.1	35	2

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## PASS RECEIVING (Cont.)

### AFC - INDIVIDUALS

Klein, Bob, S.D. ....	34	413	12.1	24	2
Gant, Reuben, Buff. ....	34	408	12.0	25	5
McCauley, Don, Balt. ....	34	296	8.7	21	0
Woods, Don, S.D. ....	34	295	8.7	29	0
Joiner, Charlie, S.D. ....	33	607	18.4	46	1
Barber, Mike, Hou. ....	32	513	16.0	t72	3
Tillman, Andre, Mia. ....	31	398	12.8	33	3
Cunningham, Sam, N.E. ....	31	297	9.6	31	0
Johnson, Pete, Cin. ....	31	236	7.6	34	0
Carr, Roger, Balt. ....	30	629	21.0	t78	6
Brooks, Billy, Cin. ....	30	506	16.9	45	2
Sims, David, Sea. ....	30	195	6.5	25	1
Barkum, Jerome, N.Y.J. ....	28	391	14.0	27	3
Smith, Sherman, Sea. ....	28	366	13.1	t64	1
Bass, Don, Cin. ....	27	447	16.6	t51	4
van Eeghen, Mark, Oak. ....	27	291	10.8	33	0
Marshall, Henry, K.C. ....	26	433	16.7	40	2
Renfro, Mike, Hou. ....	26	339	13.0	t58	2
Johnson, Andy, N.E. ....	26	267	10.3	31	0
Long, Kevin, N.Y.J. ....	26	204	7.8	17	0
Doughty, Glenn, Balt. ....	25	390	15.6	46	3
Hill, Calvin, Clev. ....	25	334	13.4	t53	6
Harris, Leroy, Mia. ....	25	211	8.4	57	0
Dolbin, Jack, Den. ....	24	284	11.8	21	0
Davis, Gary, Mia. ....	24	218	9.1	34	0
Preston, Dave, Den. ....	24	199	8.3	21	1
Whittington, Arthur, Oak. ....	23	106	4.6	20	0
Raible, Steve, Sea. ....	22	316	14.4	t38	1
Miller, Terry, Buff. ....	22	246	11.2	52	0
Harris, Franco, Pitt. ....	22	144	6.5	15	0
Keyworth, Jon, Den. ....	21	166	7.9	20	1
Caster, Richard, Hou. ....	20	316	15.8	t47	5
Biletnikoff, Fred, Oak. ....	20	285	14.3	49	2
Miller, Cleo, Clev. ....	20	152	7.6	23	0
Pruitt, Mike, Clev. ....	20	112	5.6	15	0
Coleman, Ronnie, Hou. ....	19	246	12.9	33	1
Dierking, Scott, N.Y.J. ....	19	152	8.0	17	0
Howard, Ron, Sea. ....	18	251	13.9	42	1
Alston, Mack, Balt. ....	18	210	11.7	23	2
Williams, Delvin, Mia. ....	18	192	10.7	42	0
Brown, Curtis, Buff. ....	18	130	7.2	31	0
Upchurch, Rick, Den. ....	17	210	12.4	t29	1
Bleier, Rocky, Pitt. ....	17	168	9.9	32	1
Carpenter, Rob, Hou. ....	17	150	8.8	37	0
Testerman, Don, Sea. ....	17	143	8.4	21	0
Cunningham, Bennie, Pitt. ....	16	321	20.1	48	2
Bulaich, Norm, Mia. ....	16	92	5.8	22	0
McInally, Pat, Cin. ....	15	189	12.6	49	0
Hooks, Roland, Buff. ....	15	110	7.3	21	1
Wilson, Tim, Hou. ....	15	91	6.1	14	1
Ivory, Horace, N.E. ....	14	122	8.7	18	0
McKnight, Ted, K.C. ....	14	83	5.9	19	1
Harper, Bruce, N.Y.J. ....	13	196	15.1	44	2
Chester, Raymond, Oak. ....	13	146	11.2	27	2
Lee, Ron, Balt. ....	13	109	8.4	24	1
Corbett, Jim, Cin. ....	12	187	15.6	51	0
Hunter, Al, Sea. ....	12	172	14.3	21	0
Walker, Rick, Cin. ....	12	126	10.5	28	2
Elliott, Lenvil, Cin. ....	12	100	8.3	18	0
Armstrong, Otis, Den. ....	12	98	8.2	19	1
Campbell, Earl, Hou. ....	12	48	4.0	20	0
McCall, Reese, Balt. ....	11	160	14.5	34	1
Ferguson, Duke, Sea. ....	11	116	10.5	17	0
Belton, Horace, K.C. ....	11	88	8.0	22	0
Matthews, Bo, S.D. ....	11	78	7.1	13	0
Clark, Boobie, Cin. ....	11	73	6.6	26	0
Shuler, Mickey, N.Y.J. ....	11	67	6.1	15	3
Turner, David, Cin. ....	11	50	4.5	8	0
Hardeman, Don, Balt. ....	10	88	8.8	19	0
Johnson, Dennis D. Buff. ....	10	83	8.3	28	0

### NFC - INDIVIDUALS

McDaniel, John, Wash. ....	34	577	17.0	52	4
DuPree, Billy Joe, Dall. ....	34	509	15.0	38	9
Middleton, Terrell, G.B. ....	34	332	9.8	50	1
Montgomery, Wilbert, Phil. ....	34	195	5.7	23	1
Morris, Wayne, St.L. ....	33	298	9.0	33	1
Owens, Morris, T.B. ....	32	640	20.0	66	5
Robinson, Jimmy, N.Y.G. ....	32	620	19.4	t52	2
Perkins, Johnny, N.Y.G. ....	32	514	16.1	t67	3
Mitchell, Jim, Atl. ....	32	366	11.4	24	2
Solomon, Freddie, S.F. ....	31	458	14.8	t58	2
Blue, Luther, Det. ....	31	350	11.3	26	2
Riggins, John, Wash. ....	31	299	9.6	33	0
Bussey, Dexter, Det. ....	31	275	8.9	t18	1
Bean, Bubba, Atl. ....	31	209	6.7	t38	1
Hogan, Mike, Phil. ....	31	164	5.3	16	1
Richards, Golden, Dall.-Chi. ....	28	381	13.6	52	0
Jones, Steve, St.L. ....	27	217	8.0	38	0
Thompson, Aundra, G.B. ....	26	527	20.3	57	2
Jackson, Alfred, Atl. ....	26	526	20.2	71	2
Krepfle, Keith, Phil. ....	26	374	14.4	t34	3
Muncie, Chuck, N.O. ....	26	233	9.0	34	0
Fugett, Jean, Wash. ....	25	367	14.7	t49	7
Stief, Dave, St.L. ....	24	477	19.9	t55	4
Thompson, Rick, Wash. ....	23	350	15.2	49	1
Nelson, Terry, L.A. ....	23	344	15.0	52	0
Giles, Jimmy, T.B. ....	23	324	14.1	38	2
McGeorge, Rich, G.B. ....	23	247	10.7	25	1
Ramson, Eason, St.L. ....	23	238	10.3	26	1
Miller, Robert, Minn. ....	22	230	10.5	29	0
Kotar, Doug, N.Y.G. ....	22	225	10.2	31	1
MacAfee, Ken, S.F. ....	22	205	9.3	22	1
Seal, Paul, S.F. ....	21	370	17.6	t41	2
Simpson, O.J., S.F. ....	21	172	8.2	19	2
Newhouse, Robert, Dall. ....	20	176	8.8	24	2
Hammond, Bob, N.Y.G. ....	20	173	8.7	26	2
Carter, Louis, T.B. ....	19	139	7.3	17	0
Boykin, Greg, S.F. ....	19	112	5.9	22	0
Dixon, Al, N.Y.G. ....	18	376	20.9	47	3
Young, Charlie, L.A. ....	18	213	11.8	19	0
Thompson, Jesse, Det. ....	18	175	9.7	21	4
Harrison, Ken, S.F. ....	16	320	20.0	50	0
Chandler, Al, St.L. ....	16	190	11.9	47	4
Kane, Rick, Det. ....	16	161	10.1	26	0
Ferrell, Bob, S.F. ....	16	123	7.7	14	0
Latta, Greg, Chi. ....	15	159	10.6	21	0
Bell, Ricky, T.B. ....	15	122	8.1	22	0
Campfield, Bill, Phil. ....	15	101	6.7	25	0
Waddy, Billy, L.A. ....	14	258	18.4	t68	1
Obradovich, Jim, T.B. ....	14	219	15.6	t28	3
Grant, Frank, Wash.-T.B. ....	14	204	14.6	23	0
Mucker, Larry, T.B. ....	13	271	20.8	48	0
Payne, Ken, Phil. ....	13	238	18.3	50	1
Osborne, Richard, Phil. ....	13	145	11.2	48	0
Hofer, Paul, S.F. ....	12	170	14.2	46	0
Johnson, Butch, Dall. ....	12	155	12.9	23	0
Stanback, Haskel, Atl. ....	12	108	9.0	20	0
McCutcheon, Lawrence, L.A. ....	12	76	6.3	33	2
Doornink, Dan, N.Y.G. ....	12	66	5.5	24	0
Smith, Charles, Phil. ....	11	142	12.9	t27	2
Harmon, Clarence, Wash. ....	11	112	10.2	22	1
Thompson, Leonard, Det. ....	10	167	16.7	t45	4
LeCount, Terry, S.F. ....	10	131	13.1	30	0
Shirk, Gary, N.Y.G. ....	10	127	12.7	45	2
Patton, Ricky, Atl. ....	10	90	9.0	32	1
Williams, Dave, S.F. ....	10	63	6.3	13	0
Strachan, Mike, N.O. ....	10	51	5.1	15	0
McKay, John, T.B. ....	9	166	18.4	28	1
Boyd, Elmo, S.F. ....	9	115	12.8	32	1
Taylor, Billy, N.Y.G. ....	9	70	7.8	18	0
Bryant, Cullen, L.A. ....	8	76	9.5	37	0
Mauti, Richard, N.O. ....	8	69	8.6	t16	2
Otis, Jim, St.L. ....	8	38	4.8	12	0
Thompson, James, N.Y.G. ....	7	113	16.1	46	0

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# PUNTING

## AFC - INDIVIDUALS

	Net Punts	Yards	Long	Avg	Total Punts	TB	Blk	Opp Ret	Ret Yds	In 20	Net Avg
McInally, Pat, Cin. ....	91	3919	65	43.1	91	10	0	57	558	25	34.7
Guy, Ray, Oak. ....	81	3462	69	42.7	83	14	2	38	309	23	34.6
Andrusyshyn, Zenon, K.C. ....	79	3247	61	41.1	80	7	1	50	538	18	32.1
Roberts, George, Mia. ....	81	3263	59	40.3	81	9	0	42	303	22	34.3
Ramsey, Chuck, N.Y.J. ....	74	2964	79	40.1	74	7	0	52	609	9	29.9
Colquitt, Craig, Pitt. ....	66	2642	58	40.0	66	4	0	38	239	14	35.2
Evans, Johnny, Clev. ....	79	3089	65	39.1	79	8	0	41	366	16	32.4
Parsley, Cliff, Hou. ....	91	3539	59	38.9	92	6	1	53	517	20	31.5
Jackson, Rusty, Buff. ....	87	3373	70	38.8	89	9	2	48	442	19	30.9
Lee, David, Balt. ....	92	3513	67	38.2	94	9	2	53	460	17	30.6
West, Jeff, S.D. ....	73	2720	59	37.3	75	8	2	37	356	19	29.4
Weaver, Herman, Sea. ....	66	2440	59	37.0	66	6	0	36	371	13	29.5
Dilts, Bucky, Den. ....	96	3494	73	36.4	96	6	0	48	226	23	32.8
Wilson, Jerrel, N.E. ....	54	1921	57	35.6	54	4	0	27	251	14	29.4
(Non-Qualifiers)											
Patrick, Mike, N.E. ....	7	216	47	30.9	7	0	0	2	21	2	27.9
Bahr, Chris, Cin. ....	4	108	41	27.0	4	1	0	1	6	2	20.5
Herrera, Efren, Sea. ....	3	73	30	24.3	3	0	0	0	0	2	24.3

## NFC - INDIVIDUALS

	Net Punts	Yards	Long	Avg	Total Punts	TB	Blk	Opp Ret	Ret Yds	In 20	Net Avg
Skladany, Tom, Det. ....	86	3654	63	42.5	87	7	1	54	467	19	35.0
Jennings, Dave, N.Y.G. ....	95	3995	68	42.1	95	11	0	61	624	19	33.2
Blanchard, Tom, N.O. ....	84	3532	61	42.0	86	10	2	59	539	14	32.5
Green, Dave, T.B. ....	100	4092	61	40.9	102	14	2	62	447	20	33.0
White, Danny, Dall. ....	76	3076	56	40.5	77	11	1	40	311	16	33.1
Bragg, Mike, Wash. ....	103	4056	56	39.4	104	10	1	48	328	23	33.9
Coleman, Greg, Minn. ....	51	1991	61	39.0	52	4	1	31	321	12	30.6
James, John, Atl. ....	109	4227	57	38.8	110	9	1	54	305	24	34.0
Little, Steve, St.L. ....	46	1749	54	38.0	47	5	1	28	334	6	28.0
Connell, Mike, S.F. ....	96	3583	59	37.3	97	8	1	46	356	15	31.6
Walker, Glen, L.A. ....	83	3069	61	37.0	85	5	2	38	223	26	32.3
Parsons, Bob, Chi. ....	96	3549	54	37.0	96	8	0	45	295	18	32.2
Wood, Mike, Minn.-St.L. ....	82	3019	81	36.8	84	7	2	50	439	15	29.0
Michel, Mike, Phil. ....	58	2078	52	35.8	58	6	0	30	168	11	30.9
Beverly, David, G.B. ....	106	3759	57	35.5	106	9	0	51	286	20	31.1
(Non-Qualifiers)											
Engles, Rick, Phil. ....	33	1307	53	39.6	34	4	1	17	186	7	30.6
Bakken, Jim, St.L. ....	4	147	42	36.8	4	0	0	2	22	1	31.3

Leader based on gross average, minimum 40 punts

# PUNT RETURNS

## AFC - INDIVIDUALS

	No	FC	Yards	Avg	Long	TD
Upchurch, Rick, Den. ....	36	2	493	13.7	t75	1
Moody, Keith, Buff. ....	19	5	240	12.6	t82	1
Harper, Bruce, N.Y.J. ....	30	4	378	12.6	t82	1
Payton, Eddie, K.C. ....	32	2	364	11.4	39	0
Fuller, Mike, S.D. ....	39	10	436	11.2	34	0
Morgan, Stanley, N.E. ....	32	5	335	10.5	48	0
Coleman, Ronnie, Hou. ....	16	1	142	8.9	32	0
Crawford, Rufus, Sea. ....	34	4	284	8.4	22	0
Cefalo, Jimmy, Mia. ....	28	8	232	8.3	26	0
Wright, Keith, Clev. ....	37	16	288	7.8	42	0
Reutershan, Randy, Pitt. .	20	0	148	7.4	18	0
Bell, Theo, Pitt. ....	21	2	152	7.2	18	0
Colzie, Neal, Oak. ....	47	12	310	6.6	24	0
Davis, Tony, Cin. ....	22	8	130	5.9	12	0
Johnson, Marshall, Balt. .	25	10	143	5.7	17	0
Law, Dennis, Cin. ....	25	4	106	4.2	17	0
(Non-Qualifiers)						
Haynes, Mike, N.E. ....	14	2	183	13.1	35	0
Piccone, Lou, Buff. ....	14	4	88	6.3	13	0
Merkens, Guido, Hou. ....	13	1	132	10.2	42	0
Rodgers, Johnny, S.D. ....	11	5	88	8.0	15	0
Preston, Dave, Den. ....	10	0	68	6.8	23	0
Woods, Robert, Hou. ....	9	0	82	9.1	14	0

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Leader based on average return, minimum 16 returns

## NFC - INDIVIDUALS

	No	FC	Yards	Avg	Long	TD
Wallace, Jackie, L.A. ....	52	5	618	11.9	58	0
Green, Tony, Wash. ....	42	13	443	10.5	t80	1
Thompson, Jesse, Det. ....	16	2	161	10.1	35	0
Harrell, Willard, St.L. ..	21	6	196	9.3	t70	1
Odom, Steve, G.B. ....	33	7	298	9.0	48	0
Reece, Danny, T.B. ....	44	3	393	8.9	50	0
Schubert, Steve, Chi. ....	27	21	229	8.5	t73	1
Ryckman, Billy, Atl. ....	28	18	227	8.1	38	0
Johnson, Butch, Dall. ....	51	12	401	7.9	23	0
Leonard, Tony, S.F.-Det. .	18	5	140	7.8	24	0
Hammond, Bob, N.Y.G. ....	22	3	157	7.1	24	0
Chandler, Wes, N.O. ....	34	10	233	6.9	32	0
Sciarra, John, Phil. ....	37	9	251	6.8	23	0
Robinson, Jimmy, N.Y.G. ..	19	5	106	5.6	31	0
Miller, Kevin, Minn. ....	48	8	239	5.0	47	0
(Non-Qualifiers)						
Bell, Gordon, St.L. ....	14	3	101	7.2	23	0
Henry, Wally, Phil. ....	11	1	165	15.0	t57	1
Steptoe, Jack, S.F. ....	11	0	129	11.7	28	0
Hill, Tony, Dall. ....	11	0	101	9.2	20	0
Gray, Johnnie, G.B. ....	11	6	95	8.6	22	0
Jackson, Alfred, Atl. ....	11	6	89	8.1	32	0
Shelby, Willie, St.L. ....	10	0	88	8.8	16	0
Jones, Larry, S.F. ....	10	1	86	8.6	52	0
Waddy, Billy, L.A. ....	10	0	45	4.5	12	0
Livers, Virgil, Chi. ....	10	0	31	3.1	13	0



# STATISTICS

## KICKOFF RETURNS

### AFC - INDIVIDUALS

	No	Yards	Avg	Long	TD
Wright, Keith, Clev. ....	30	789	26.30	86	0
Washington, Joe, Balt. ....	19	499	26.26	t90	1
Owens, Artie, S.D. ....	20	524	26.2	77	0
Payton, Eddie, K.C. ....	30	775	25.8	66	0
Brown, Curtis, Buff. ....	17	428	25.2	t102	1
Anderson, Larry, Pitt. ....	37	930	25.1	t95	1
Dirden, Johnnie, Hou. ....	32	780	24.4	60	0
Hunter, Al, Sea. ....	16	385	24.1	38	0
Crawford, Rufus, Sea. ....	35	829	23.7	36	0
Clayborn, Raymond, N.E. ....	27	636	23.6	60	0
Harper, Bruce, N.Y.J. ....	55	1280	23.3	40	0
Harris, Duriel, Mia. ....	29	657	22.7	53	0
Johnson, Marshall, Balt. ....	41	927	22.6	57	0
Collins, Larry, Clev. ....	32	709	22.2	41	0
Griffin, Ray, Cin. ....	37	787	21.3	39	0
Moody, Keith, Buff. ....	18	371	20.6	35	0
Whittington, Arthur, Oak. ....	23	473	20.6	34	0
(Non-Qualifiers)					
Davis, Gary, Mia. ....	13	251	19.3	27	0
Perrin, Lonnie, Den. ....	12	256	21.3	33	0

### NFC - INDIVIDUALS

	No	Yards	Avg	Long	TD
Odom, Steve, G.B. ....	25	677	27.1	t95	1
Pearson, Dennis, Atl. ....	25	662	26.5	t100	1
Green, Tony, Wash. ....	34	870	25.6	t99	1
Chandler, Wes, N.O. ....	32	760	23.8	38	0
Ragsdale, George, T.B. ....	24	555	23.1	46	0
Mauti, Richard, N.O. ....	17	388	22.8	39	0
Baschnagel, Brian, Chi. ....	20	455	22.8	36	0
Williams, Dave, S.F. ....	34	745	21.9	t89	1
Latin, Jerry, St.L.-L.A. ....	24	515	21.5	41	0
Hofer, Paul, S.F. ....	18	386	21.4	40	0
Miller, Kevin, Minn. ....	40	854	21.4	38	0
Johnson, Butch, Dall. ....	29	603	20.8	56	0
Harrell, Willard, St.L. ....	19	389	20.5	32	0
Campfield, Bill, Phil. ....	18	368	20.4	31	0
Joda, Jim, L.A. ....	22	447	20.3	35	0
(Non-Qualifiers)					
Pough, Ernie, N.Y.G. ....	15	313	20.9	40	0
Hammond, Bob, N.Y.G. ....	15	290	19.3	29	0
Thompson, Jesse, Det. ....	14	346	24.7	42	0
Giamonna, Louie, Phil. ....	12	245	20.4	31	0

## INTERCEPTIONS

### AFC - INDIVIDUALS

	No	Yards	Avg	Long	TD
Darden, Thom, Clev. ....	10	200	20.0	46	0
Jackson, Bernard, Den. ....	6	128	21.3	38	0
Haynes, Mike, N.E. ....	6	123	20.5	50	1
Phillips, Charles, Oak. ....	6	121	20.2	t42	1
Gray, Tim, K.C. ....	6	118	19.7	61	0
Dungy, Tony, Pitt. ....	6	95	15.8	65	0
Foley, Steve, Den. ....	6	84	14.0	30	0
Davis, Oliver, Clev. ....	6	65	10.8	33	1
Thompson, Norm, Balt. ....	6	52	8.7	31	0
Foley, Tim, Mia. ....	6	12	2.0	8	0
Owens, Burgess, N.Y.J. ....	5	156	31.2	49	1
Nelson, Steve, N.E. ....	5	104	20.8	37	0
Alexander, Willie, Hou. ....	5	51	10.2	29	0
Clark, Mario, Buff. ....	5	29	5.8	29	0
Jackson, Bobby, N.Y.J. ....	5	26	5.2	13	0
Webster, Cornell, Sea. ....	5	9	1.8	14	0
Small, Gerald, Mia. ....	4	157	39.3	t46	1
Blackwood, Lyle, Balt. ....	4	146	36.5	t79	2
Hayes, Lester, Oak. ....	4	86	21.5	52	0

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### NFC - INDIVIDUALS

	No	Yards	Avg	Long	TD
Stone, Ken, St.L. ....	9	139	15.4	33	0
Buchanon, Willie, G.B. ....	9	93	10.3	t77	1
Perry, Rod, L.A. ....	8	117	14.6	t44	3
Thomas, Pat, L.A. ....	8	96	12.0	t33	1
Jackson, Terry, N.Y.G. ....	7	115	16.4	51	1
Scott, Jake, Wash. ....	7	72	10.3	39	0
Bryant, Bobby, Minn. ....	7	69	9.9	23	0
Edwards, Herman, Phil. ....	7	59	8.4	25	0
Myers, Tom, N.O. ....	6	167	27.8	t97	1
Crist, Chuck, S.F. ....	6	159	26.5	32	0
Brown, Cedric, T.B. ....	6	110	18.3	29	0
Lawrence, Rolland, Atl. ....	6	76	12.7	44	0
Allen, Carl, St.L. ....	6	54	9.0	21	0
Simpson, Bill, L.A. ....	5	82	16.4	28	0
Barnes, Benny, Dall. ....	5	72	14.4	38	0
Allen, Jim, Det. ....	5	70	14.0	27	0
Wright, Nate, Minn. ....	5	58	11.6	30	0
White, Jeris, T.B. ....	5	56	11.2	31	0
Sanders, John, Phil. ....	5	43	8.6	24	1
Washington, Mike, T.B. ....	5	43	8.6	24	0
Anderson, John, G.B. ....	5	27	5.4	12	0
Spencer, Maurice, N.O. ....	4	83	20.8	37	0

## SCORING

### AFC - INDIVIDUALS

	TD	R	P	M	XP	XPA	FG	FGA	PTS
Leahy, Pat, N.Y.J. ....	0	0	0	0	41	42	22	30	107
Yepremian, Garo, Mia. ....	0	0	0	0	41	45	19	23	98
Cockroft, Don, Clev. ....	0	0	0	0	37	40	19	28	94
Benirschke, Rolf, S.D. ....	0	0	0	0	37	43	18	22	91
Sims, David, Sea. ....	15	14	1	0	0	0	0	0	90
Stenerud, Jan, K.C. ....	0	0	0	0	25	26	20	30	85
Gerela, Roy, Pitt. ....	0	0	0	0	44	45	12	26	80
Herrera, Efren, Sea. ....	0	0	0	0	40	44	13	21	79
Campbell, Earl, Hou. ....	13	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	78
Jefferson, John, S.D. ....	13	0	13	0	0	0	0	0	78
Bahr, Chris, Cin. ....	0	0	0	0	26	29	16	30	74
Fritsch, Toni, Hou. ....	0	0	0	0	31	32	14	18	73
Mann, Errol, Oak. ....	0	0	0	0	33	38	12	20	69
Dempsey, Tom, Buff. ....	0	0	0	0	36	38	10	13	66

### NFC - INDIVIDUALS

	TD	R	P	M	XP	XPA	FG	FGA	PTS
Corral, Frank, L.A. ....	0	0	0	0	31	33	29	43	118
Septien, Rafael, Dall. ....	0	0	0	0	46	47	16	26	94
Ricardo, Benny, Det. ....	0	0	0	0	32	33	20	28	92
Danelo, Joe, N.Y.G. ....	0	0	0	0	27	29	21	29	90
Moseley, Mark, Wash. ....	0	0	0	0	30	31	19	30	87
Thomas, Bob, Chi. ....	0	0	0	0	26	28	17	22	77
Danmeier, Rick, Minn. ....	0	0	0	0	36	37	12	19	72
Middleton, Terdell, G.B. ....	12	11	1	0	0	0	0	0	72
Werschling, Ray, S.F. ....	0	0	0	0	24	25	15	23	69
Payton, Walter, Chi. ....	11	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	66
O'Donoghue, Neil, T.B. ....	0	0	0	0	25	29	13	23	64
Marcol, Chester, G.B. ....	0	0	0	0	30	30	11	19	63
Bakken, Jim, St.L. ....	0	0	0	0	27	30	11	22	60
Dorsett, Tony, Dall. ....	10	7	2	1	0	0	0	0	60

# SCORING (Cont.)

Ivory, Horace, N.E. ....	11	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	66
Swann, Lynn, Pitt. ....	11	0	11	0	0	0	0	0	66
Turner, Jim, Den. ....	0	0	0	0	31	35	11	22	64
Posey, Dave, N.E. ....	0	0	0	0	29	31	11	22	62
Casper, Dave, Oak. ....	10	0	9	1	0	0	0	0	60
Long, Kevin, N.Y.J. ....	10	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	60
Moore, Nat, Mia. ....	10	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	60
van Eeghen, Mark, Oak. ....	10	9	0	1	0	0	0	0	60
Bauer, Hank, S.D. ....	9	8	1	0	0	0	0	0	54

Montgomery, Wilbert, Phil. .	10	9	1	0	0	0	0	0	60
Newhouse, Robert, Dall. ....	10	8	2	0	0	0	0	0	60
Mazzetti, Tim, Atl. ....	0	0	0	0	18	18	13	16	57
DuPree, Billy Joe, Dall. ....	9	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	54
White, Sammy, Minn. ....	9	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	54
Carmichael, Harold, Phil. ....	8	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	48
Harper, Roland, Chi. ....	8	6	2	0	0	0	0	0	48
Otis, Jim, St.L. ....	8	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	48
Rashad, Ahmad, Minn. ....	8	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	48

## TEAM-BY-TEAM STATISTICAL SUMMARY FOR THE 1978 SEASON

AMERICAN FOOTBALL CONFERENCE OFFENSE														
First Downs	Att.	Yds.	Comp.	Int.	Pen.	Kick	Punt	S.D.	Sea.					
Rushing	249	130	105	133	124	135	160	119	181	131	116	133	116	150
Passing	124	113	141	130	137	119	98	135	125	128	146	149	171	156
Punt	30	29	25	30	29	32	29	16	16	29	34	28	39	39
Rushes	532	586	526	559	601	603	663	582	577	641	590	581	581	581
Net Yds. Gained	2044	2381	2171	2488	2451	2476	2886	2366	2165	2297	2096	2394	2394	2394
Avg. Gain	3.8	4.2	4.1	4.4	4.1	4.1	4.3	4.1	3.8	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.6
Avg. Yds. per Game	127.8	148.9	137.2	155.5	153.2	154.6	186.6	147.9	137.8	140.6	128.6	143.6	137.2	149.6
Passes Attempted	383	388	470	442	491	371	370	390	388	433	380	477	467	467
Completed	202	203	230	236	211	201	204	226	193	251	212	271	261	261
% Completed	52.7	52.3	53.2	53.4	52.5	54.3	55.1	57.6	50.3	57.9	55.6	58.8	56.9	56.9
Total Yds. Gained	2343	2503	2403	2724	2693	2677	3096	2592	2309	2948	2607	3065	2955	2955
Passer Rating	49	50	58	58	61	57	57	61	57	61	57	61	57	57
Yds. Lost	480	254	298	278	332	235	198	238	200	330	262	291	284	284
Net Yds. Gained	2063	2329	2171	2510	2458	2442	2898	2396	2107	2678	2347	2794	2671	2671
Avg. Yds. per Game	129.9	142.6	133.3	156.5	153.2	154.6	186.6	147.9	137.8	140.6	128.6	143.6	137.2	149.6
Net Yds. per Pass Play	4.7	5.3	5.0	5.4	5.2	5.1	5.5	4.9	4.6	5.0	4.6	5.1	4.9	4.9
Avg. Yds. per Comp.	12.9	12.9	12.6	13.2	12.9	12.9	13.6	11.9	12.3	12.3	12.3	13.7	13.1	13.0
Combined Net Yds. Gained	4107	4630	4472	5034	4942	5118	4880	4835	4465	4847	4331	4966	4741	4741
% Total Yds. Rushing	49.7	51.4	49.3	53.4	52.5	51.4	61.9	49.3	53.0	46.3	44.9	45.8	46.3	44.4
% Total Yds. Passing	50.3	48.6	50.7	46.6	47.5	48.6	38.1	50.7	47.0	53.7	55.1	54.2	53.7	55.6
Avg. Yds. per Game	256.7	289.4	278.4	334.2	301.6	309.9	301.3	302.2	278.2	303.6	267.1	312.3	291.9	344.4
Ball Control Plays	964	974	1034	1036	1040	1093	1054	1045	1085	1049	1048	1099	1072	1072
Avg. Yds. per Play	4.3	4.8	4.7	5.2	4.6	4.8	4.6	5.1	5.5	4.9	4.7	4.8	5.0	5.1
Had Intercepted	30	17	30	21	17	17	16	18	25	28	31	22	30	22
% Yds. Returned	528	219	211	343	199	174	208	204	250	470	274	212	470	300
Ret. by Opp. for TD	3	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
Punts	34	69	95	79	98	92	80	81	61	74	83	66	75	69
Yds. Punted	1373	1407	1308	1434	1358	1378	1303	1303	1171	1364	1462	1270	1253	1253
Avg. Yds. per Punt	40.7	37.9	42.0	39.1	38.4	39.0	40.1	41.7	40.1	36.3	38.4	36.3	38.4	36.3
Punt Returns	37	40	59	39	51	36	45	31	47	37	48	57	40	40
Yds. Returned	219	315	264	317	387	416	488	347	520	413	510	451	590	342
Avg. Yds. per Return	6.3	9.4	6.8	8.1	11.4	9.0	10.8	8.3	11.1	12.5	5.6	7.8	10.4	8.6
Returned for TD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kickoff Returns	74	66	58	72	47	58	67	53	55	67	60	44	58	57
Yds. Returned	1648	1316	1164	1697	1359	1204	1456	1132	1173	1509	1233	1043	1252	1510
Avg. Yds. per Return	22.3	19.9	20.1	23.6	22.7	20.7	23.9	21.4	21.2	22.5	20.6	23.7	21.6	22.5
Returned for TD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Penalties	90	120	110	128	130	102	110	74	92	108	109	98	94	94
Yds. Penalized	771	1103	904	1170	1093	833	1048	693	850	854	948	748	789	789
Fumbles	38	34	36	50	28	30	32	24	35	27	35	37	36	36
Lost	17	17	49	29	17	2	18	12	21	9	12	17	21	19
Out of Bounds	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Own Rec. for TD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Opp. Rec. for TD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Opp. Rec. for TD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Points Scored	239	302	252	334	260	283	343	372	358	359	311	368	355	345
Total TDs	11	39	29	40	36	36	26	45	40	40	46	44	44	44
TDs Rushing	13	10	17	17	16	17	16	19	21	18	16	18	28	28
TDs Passing	17	21	14	22	17	16	19	24	19	19	16	28	16	16
TDs on Ret. and Rec.	3	3	5	3	4	0	3	3	1	2	6	2	2	1
Extra Points	27	26	37	37	31	31	25	2	42	33	44	37	40	40
Safety	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Field Goals Made	8	10	16	19	11	14	14	20	19	12	22	16	13	13
Field Goals Attempted	20	24	30	33	21	26	26	30	28	30	26	30	26	26
% Successful	47.1	76.9	53.3	67.8	50.0	77.8	66.7	82.6	50.0	73.3	60.0	46.7	81.1	61.9

## TEAM-BY-TEAM STATISTICAL SUMMARY FOR THE 1978 SEASON

NATIONAL FOOTBALL CONFERENCE OFFENSE														
	All	Opp	Dal	Tex	G.B.	L.A.	Minn.	N.O.	N.Y.G.	Phi	S.F.	Ten	Wash	W.F.
First Downs	253	202	142	209	226	301	308	295	246	271	281	251	238	261
Rushing	136	140	169	109	105	126	136	141	132	143	103	117	111	99
Passing	133	99	167	181	191	176	176	154	114	128	174	134	120	134
Punt	33	33	29	73	20	25	25	22	20	16	18	16	16	26
Rushes	503	633	675	526	590	609	505	512	480	587	554	489	531	531
Net Yds. Gained	1650	2020	2078	2163	2038	2106	1843	2344	2046	1954	2091	2048	2048	2048
Avg. Gain	3.2	3.2	3.1	4.1	3.4	3.4	3.7	4.6	4.2	3.3	3.8	4.2	3.8	3.9
Avg. Yds. per Game	103.0	127.9	129.9	135.2	124.6	127.9	114.6	144.0	124.0	122.1	129.9	124.0	124.0	127.9
Passes Attempted	449	350	439	529	457	486	596	379	382	401	508	335	361	311
Completed	221	186	261	347	348	360	236	302	294	276	207	252	195	211
% Completed	49.2	53.2	59.5	65.6	76.4	74.3	50.5	79.5	77.0	69.1	40.8	75.9	54.0	67.9
Total Yds. Gained	2963	2855	3462	3779	3779	3779	3779	3403	3403	3428	3302	3302	3302	3302
Passer Rating	56	54	53	67	67	67	57	57	57	57	57	57	57	57
Yds. Lost	481	285	323	444	274	235	255	301	288	196	250	409	413	413
Net Yds. Gained	2482	2570	3139	3335	2824	2824	3243	3131	3115	3162	2952	2939	2939	2939
Avg. Yds. per Game	155.1	160.6	196.2	208.4	176.5	176.5	200.7	194.9	194.9	194.9	184.4	184.4	184.4	184.4
Net Yds. per Pass Play	1.76	3.01	6.59	6.59	6.59	6.59	6.59	6.59	6.59	6.59	6.59	6.59	6.59	6.59
Avg. Yds. per Comp.	13.0	11.4	12.3	11.2	11.0	11.2	13.0	12.7	13.0	12.7	12.7	12.7	12.7	12.7
Combined Net Yds. Gained	4062	4848	5959	4465	4101	4192	4779	4996	4449	4658	5125	4017	3881	4647
% Total Yds. Rushing	40.7	36.8	36.7	40.7	40.7	36.8	36.7	36.7	36.7	36.7	36.7	36.7	36.7	36.7
% Total Yds. Passing	59.3	63.2	63.3	59.3	59.3	63.2	63.3	63.3	63.3	63.3	63.3	63.3	63.3	63.3
Avg. Yds. per Game	253.9	297.7	372.4	277.8	256.2	256.2	303.3	297.7	277.8	277.8	311.8	244.0	244.0	244.0
Ball Control Plays	1038	1038	1001	1001	1044	1109	1037	1009	1009	1009	1084	1062	1062	1062
Avg. Yds. per Play	3.1	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.4
Had Intercepted	23	28	17	16	16	22	34	16	27	16	31	36	18	21
% Yds. Returned	252	312	276	275	262	269	424	198	376	131	303	608	235	481
Ret. by Opp. for TD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Punts	110	88	87	87	106	88	88	86	85	92	102	87	102	104
% Returned	4227	3549	5078	3634	3739	3699	3591	3532	3995	3285	3815	3583	4040	4256
Avg. Yds. per Punt	33	37.3	39	41	35	36	37	41	46.4	32	40	41	39	40
Punt Returns	42	47	63	41	34	37	42	36	48	48	31	47	62	54
% Returned	345	285	802	430	393	711	239	242	274	416	395	323	512	527
Avg. Yds. per Return	8.2	7.0	8.0	8.5	8.5	8.0	4.9	6.7	5.7	8.7	7.7	6.9	9.3	9.8
% Returned for TD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kickoff Returns	89	87	17	5	23	52	55	66	60	54	77	73	96	58
% Returned	1333	1446	896	1120	1088	1055	1067	1384	1081	1134	1418	1421	1038	1352
Avg. Yds. per Return	35.6	35.3	31.9	32.1	20.9	20.3	19.2	19.3	18.0	21.0	20.9	19.6	19.6	23.3
% Returned for TD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Penalties	130	91	96	122	94	73	113	112	101	94	106	115	100	116
% Returned	1083	888	816	1003	776	1019	817	1044	1016	825	890	930	860	978
Fumbles	4	22	36	35	30	39	34	32	23	29	28	56	35	31
Lost	18	8	18	13	15	20	17	15	12	32	14	27	20	26
% Lost	4.5	3.6	12.9	9.4	10.6	12.8	11.9	11.9	11.9	11.9	11.9	11.9	11.9	11.9
Own Back for TD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Opp. Back for TD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Opp. RB for TD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Points Scored	220	253	384	303	348	316	294	281	260	270	248	219	241	273
Total TDs	27	33	43	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	29	31	31
TDs Rushing	13	19	23	13	16	12	10	17	12	16	14	14	12	14
TDs Passing	13	14	20	19	17	11	13	15	13	13	16	14	9	12
TDs on Ret. and Punt	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Total Points Allowed	26	26	46	43	30	31	36	33	27	30	24	25	20	30
% Allowed	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Field Goals Made	16	17	16	20	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19
% Field Goals Made	26	22	26	28	19	43	19	25	29	17	20	23	24	30
% Successful	61.5	77.3	67.5	71.4	59.5	67.4	63.2	48.0	72.4	51.1	50.0	65.2	57.3	69.0

# "AFC'S CHANGING IMAGE"

Statistical buffs will find some interesting trends in the stats for last season (1978). They reduce to the fact that the AFC image continues to change.

When the AFL and NFL merged, the AFL (AFC) rightfully was the brash league, daring to pass more, using younger and less experienced players, and generally conducting itself as the neighborhood upstart, but winning (thanks to the help of two original NFL teams, Baltimore and Pittsburgh, which have tipped the Super Bowl balance to the AFC).

This year's maturity factor charts, for the first time ever, show the AFC to be the more mature conference.

This year's rush/pass ratio charts show the AFC rushing 58.8% as compared to the NFCs 56.4%.

The only team in the NFL this year to pass more than it ran was the NFCs Minnesota, with pass-master Fran Tarkenton's final hurrah proving to be a matter of Francis doing HIS thing, above all. It's doubtful if any quarterback since Johnny Unitas'

mid-years has been given such free rein to defy winning pass/rush ratios as has Tarkenton.

The NFL continues to pass minor rules designed to help the wide-open style of offense, and the NFC, perhaps in desperation to get back some lost prestige, has been far more adaptive of these changes than the AFC.

In Super Bowl XIII, wide-open offense was the rule, in sharp contrast to almost all earlier games in the series. Both Pittsburgh and Dallas passed more on first down than any analysis of NFL team performances would have dictated.

The Steelers ran 12 times and passed 14 times on 26 first down situations. Nine of the run-choice plays paid off and three led to dead ends. Ten of the 14 pass-choice plays led to success (first downs or scores) and four failed.

The Cowboys ran on 16 first down situations, leading to nine first downs or scores. They passed on 13 first downs, and 12 led to first downs or scores.

In view of the high-scoring game and the closeness of both the stats and the final score, there is little to show that either team sealed its fate with its choices of plays on first down. But one thing is certain. When a team insists on passing often on first down, the game usually becomes a wild one for both sides. Important turnovers highlight the game and the defense becomes frustrated and less able to make a substantial contribution.

Purists still would prefer to see a team, under the current rules, grind it out, with authority and consistency, establishing a well-ordered presentation of the team's capability, while most fans and perhaps most of the press look upon solid citizen, well-conceived ball control strategy as a failure alongside the more spectacular catch-as-catch-can passing game.

Super Bowl XIII was fun and exciting. But Fran Tarkenton, using the identical offensive approach all year, proved only that it will get you an 8-7-1 mark in a very weak division.

## RUSH/PASS RATIO—1978

AFC	Rush/Pass Total Plays	Rushes	Pct. Rush	Passes	Pct. Pass
1 Kansas City	1033	663	64.2	370	35.8
2 ** New England	1061	671	63.2	390	36.8
3 **** Pittsburgh	1021	641	62.8	380	37.2
4 *** Houston	976	603	61.8	373	38.2
5 ** Denver	992	601	60.6	391	39.4
6 New York Jets	950	562	59.2	388	40.8
7 * Miami	927	548	59.1	379	40.9
8 Buffalo	944	556	58.9	388	41.1
9 Baltimore	915	532	58.1	383	41.9
10 Oakland	1010	577	57.1	433	42.9
11 Cleveland	1001	559	55.8	442	44.2
12 San Diego	1067	590	55.3	477	44.7
13 Seattle	1028	561	54.6	467	45.4
14 Cincinnati	996	526	52.8	470	47.2
AFC TOTALS	13,921	8190	58.8	5731	41.2
NFC					
1 Chicago	986	634	64.3	352	35.7
2 Green Bay	907	550	60.6	357	39.4
3 Tampa Bay	910	549	60.33	361	39.67
4 New York Giants	962	580	60.29	382	39.71
5 * Philadelphia	988	587	59.4	401	40.6
6 **** Dallas	1074	625	58.2	449	41.8
7 San Francisco	1020	585	57.4	435	42.6
8 *** Los Angeles	1075	609	56.7	466	43.3
9 Washington	975	537	55.1	438	44.9
10 Detroit	954	525	55.0	429	45.0
11 ** Atlanta	982	533	54.3	449	45.7
12 St. Louis	1062	554	52.2	508	47.8
13 New Orleans	991	512	51.7	479	48.3
14 ** Minnesota	1097	505	46.0	592	54.0
NFC TOTALS	13,983	7885	56.4	6098	43.6

\* Wild Card \*\* Playoff participant \*\*\* Conference finalist \*\*\*\* Conference champion

# "WE'LL PASS ON THAT"



# SUPER BOWL

THE COWBOYS BOASTED  
OF THEIR COMPUTER-LIKE EFFICIENCY.  
THE STEELERS REPROGRAMMED THE COMPUTER



by Phil Musick

The in-joke in the Pittsburgh Steelers' offices this off-season—perpetrated by coach Chuck Noll, as unlikely as that may seem to reporters who've interviewed him—had to do with the team's third Super Bowl ring, the second acquired at the expense of the Dallas Cowboys.

"You hear about our new ring?" Noll asked with a deadpan look one afternoon in March, about two months after the Steelers dusted Dallas, 35-31, in Super Bowl XIII but before controversy over a call in the game had worn out.

"No," a guy with a notebook said suspiciously.

"It's got a flip top," Noll went on, the corners of his mouth turning up into a "smile button" grin.

"Okay, I'll bite. Why?"

"Well, inside the ring there's a tape recorder. You flip the top up and it plays a tape of Landry bitching."

Certainly Dallas coach Tom Landry did a certain amount of grouching about an interference call on Cowboys' cornerback Benny Barnes with 9:05 remaining in a game which the Steelers led only 21-17 and was very much for the taking. In fact, it was said the brush on Landry's Tyrolean hat molted when he saw the game films.

When they reviewed the films, however, the Steelers' assistant coaches offered the opinion later espoused by Prince Peter Rozelle. To wit, it is a game played and officiated by humans, therefore, subject to their fallibility.

Usually lost with any discussion of the decision by field judge Fred Swearingen were two interesting elements:

One, though the penalty imposed upon Dallas for Barnes theoretically tripping Steelers' receiver Lynn Swann was worth 33 yards to the winners, the losers were badly fooled by the Steelers on an ensuing third-and-nine play from the Cowboys' 22 a few moments later and Franco Harris dashed the distance to score on the play which perhaps ultimately decided the issue.

**Thanks to the fantastic efforts of the Steelers offensive linemen, this is about as close as Harvey Martin (79) and Ed "Too Tall" Jones (72) got to Terry Bradshaw (12).**



Two, not as important by any means, but as interesting was the largely overlooked fact that once before Swearingen had been a man of destiny mightily benefitting the Steelers. A referee, he became a field judge very shortly after making the critical call in the 1972 AFC playoff game on what has since come to be known (in Pittsburgh anyway), as "The Immaculate Reception." It occurred on the final play of the Oakland-Pittsburgh game when a desperation heave by Bradshaw was either deflected to Franco Harris by Raiders' safetyman Jack Tatum (legal) or Steelers' running back Frenchy Fuqua (illegal). In any case, Harris scooped the ball from his shoetops and raced into the end zone for the touchdown which put Pittsburgh in the 1972 AFC championship go against Miami.

If pure drama does not, common sense does indicate the Barnes-Swann play lacked the importance of a half-dozen others, on which turned a game in which momentum was wanton, unpredictable and, finally, Pittsburgh's.

Of the critical six, two were defensive sallies by the Steelers, which led directly to touchdowns; three were Pittsburgh touchdowns, selected here for their uniqueness and flair; one was touchingly sad and, the Cowboys will tell themselves forever, the reason they were beaten.

But, insists Chuck Noll, the aforementioned plays were not the meat of Super Bowl XIII, merely the sauce. "It wasn't a game where you could point to several plays and say 'that's why we won or why we lost,'" he says. "We won because we played with total intensity . . . everyone. That's how you beat a team like Dallas. By everyone playing up to his capabilities, and we did. I know that doesn't make exciting reading, but that's what really made the difference in the Super Bowl."

The game was intense from the outset. Or, perhaps, tense might be a better word. It was generally agreed Dallas clearly had won the pre-game verbal duel, linebacker Thomas Henderson claiming the victory almost single-handedly with constant references to Bradshaw's lack of intellect, but the Steelers were extraordinarily confident.

"We're going to win, maybe big," Joe Greene said at breakfast the day before the game and that night a Steelers assistant coach said, "the only way we can lose is if we have some key people go down . . . if we have major injuries."

What went down early was Dallas' poise. The Cowboys moved from their 28-yard line to the Steelers' 34 on the opening series on three Tony Dorsett carries, only to make the first mistake of a game which had an armload.

## PLAY NO. 1

Drew Pearson fumbled on a double reverse—quarterback Roger Staubach handing off to tailback Dorsett, who relays the ball to wide receiver Pearson, coming in motion to the strongside. It's a deceptive play—the weakside guard pulls in one direction and then cuts back in the other direction to lead the blocking, and one of the two tight ends runs a circling pattern over the middle—but only the Cowboys were fooled.

"It looked like Dorsett botched the handoff rather than Pearson blowing it," says a Steelers' assistant. In any case, Steelers' defensive end John Banaszak fell on the ball at the Pittsburgh 47 and when the Steelers scored on the following series, a Super Bowl tradition was kept alive. The first team to score had won 11 of the previous 12 Super Bowls.

That the Steelers did so, and that Bradshaw set Super Bowl records for passing yardage (318) and touchdowns (4), and that Pittsburgh could score 35 points against a defense of Dallas' calibre largely stemmed from the performance of an underrated offensive line. Two non-all-pros, tackle Jon Kolb and guard Sam Davis, held Dallas' Harvey Martin and Randy White—co-winners of the game's MVP Award the year before—to a sack a piece and little else.

"They don't get any credit, but they're the best," Greene said of the Steelers' offensive linemen. "They're the reason we won."

That Dallas' front four would do no better than get a stalemate was evident from the first Pittsburgh series, when Bradshaw had time to complete two third-down passes to move the ball to the Cowboys' 28.

## PLAY NO. 2

On the following play, having been burned so badly by him in Super Bowl X, Dallas elected to double-cover Lynn Swann, strong safety Charlie Waters assisting Barnes on Swann's 15-yard square-out.

All of which was fine with Bradshaw, who in the first round of the playoffs had completed 10 passes to Stallworth for 165 yards when Denver adopted similar strategy.

Concluding a 53-yard, seven-play scoring drive, Bradshaw looked first at Swann and quickly shifted his gaze to Stallworth, running an inside hitch-and-go at the Dallas 15. Bradshaw pumped-faked Cowboys' cornerback Aaron Kyle into a pillar, waved Stallworth deeper and then lofted a perfect pass. Kyle was out of it and Stallworth caught the ball in the Dallas end zone, free safety Cliff Harris, who'd had responsibility for

the deep middle, chasing him in vain. There was nothing particularly noteworthy about the play, Bradshaw doing what he'd done all year, although whenever he explained the tactic, listeners automatically assumed he was dealing in false modesty or oversimplifying. He wasn't.

"There wasn't anything clever about it," he said of the first of two touchdown passes he threw to Stallworth. "All year, I'd just throw it up there in man coverage and let them all fight for it, because no corner in the league can jump with either Stall or Swann."

Except, perhaps, Steelers' veteran Mel Blount, whose leaping ability unraveled a 14-14 deadlock late in the second quarter after Bradshaw fumbles had given Dallas two touchdowns and he'd redeemed himself by relying on Stallworth, who took a Bradshaw swing pass at the Steelers' 35, made Kyle miss him in the open field and then simply outran Barnes, Waters and Harris to the end zone to create the 14-all tie.

It was dissolved, through Blount's effort, at precisely the moment Dallas seemed to be dominating the game. Staubach had thrown three straight completions to take the Cowboys to a first down at the Steelers' 32.

## PLAY NO. 3

Staubach went to a play-action call on a pass designed for Drew Pearson over the deep middle. Using a coverage they call "cover two," in which the safeties drop straight back and then flare slightly to the sidelines, the Steelers ruined a well-conceived Dallas play.

Cowboys' receiver Tony Hill carried weak safety Mike Wagner deep on a



**John Banaszak (76) stands smugly on the sidelines after pouncing on the pigskin during the Staubach to Dorsett to Pearson double reverse debacle.**

flag route, but it freed Blount to cross into the middle, with strongside linebacker Jack Ham coming clear across to handle the flat on Blount's side.

"I saw the receiver coming across, and I laid off him until the pass was thrown," explains Blount, who made the key interception at the Pittsburgh 16-yard line. His runback and a penalty took the ball to the Steelers' 44.

But he had intercepted with a little help from his friend, end Dwight White. Staubach's play-action fakes from the "I" pulled both backs up to guard

against a strongside blitz and the pass rush of Greene and end L.C. Greenwood. White pressured Staubach heavily and hit him just as he released the slightly underthrown pass which Blount stole, so frustrating Cowboys' tight end Billy Joe Du Pree that he hit Blount late on the play.

There was time enough for the Steelers to go 56 yards for the go-ahead touchdown, primarily on two Bradshaw passes to Swann, the latter of which carried to the Cowboys' 16.

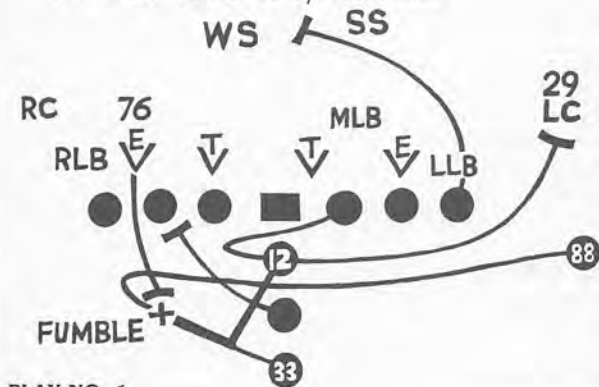
With less than 60 seconds to play in

the half, Franco Harris got nine off tackle, and would've scored if he hadn't tripped over Kyle, who was blocked on the play but whose feet remained in the hole. Bradshaw elected to throw on the next play, moving both Swann and Stallworth to the same side, and using a rollout pass the Steelers had relied on during the season.

#### PLAY NO. 4

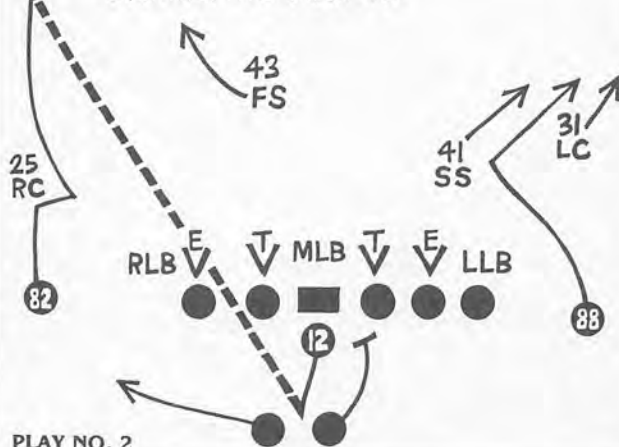
The Cowboys', in particular veteran linebacker D.D. Lewis blew the coverage. Slot receiver Stallworth took

Double Reverse Fumble  
Staubach to Dorsett to Pearson  
Fumbled, recovered by Banaszak



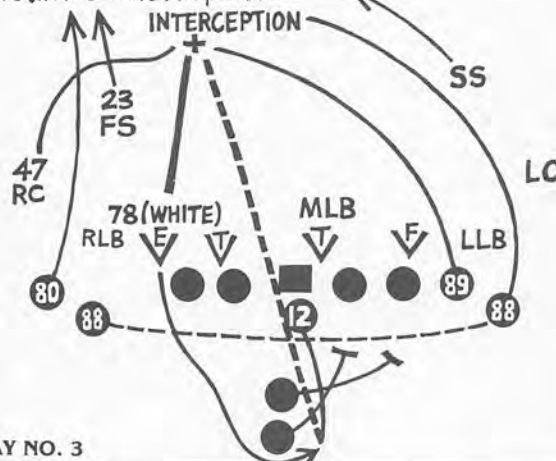
PLAY NO. 1

Stallworth's First TD



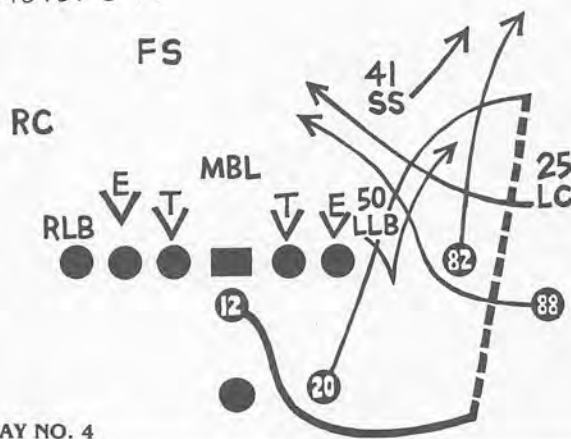
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Blount's interception



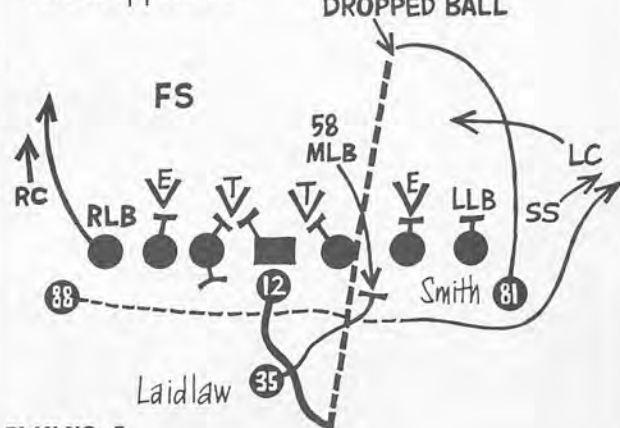
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Bleier's TD



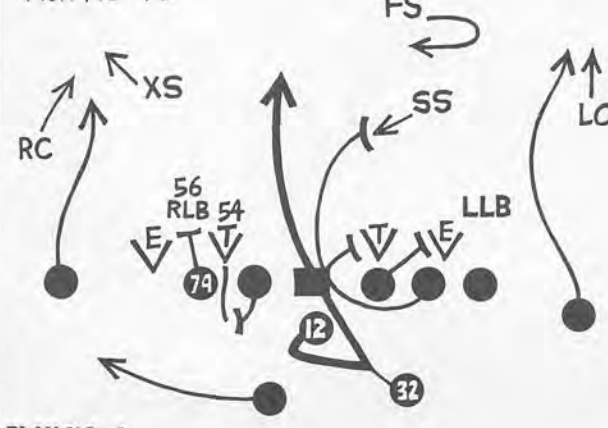
PLAY NO. 4

The dropped TD



PLAY NO. 5

Harris' TD



PLAY NO. 6



strong safety Waters deep into the end zone, flanker Swann looping back inside and drawing cornerman Kyle with him over the middle. Delaying on the snap, Bleier drifted into the flat past Lewis and Bradshaw "laid the ball up for him."

Bleier made a leaping two-handed grab and fell into the end zone with 26 seconds remaining until the half and with Bradshaw's 11th completion in 18 attempts, which gave him 253 yards and in less than two full quarters, a Super Bowl record previously owned by Bart Starr, who threw for 250 in 1967. "Press box... that's a game record, not a half," warned an announcer.

"That one changed the momentum; we seemed to have it until then," Landry said later.

Dallas seemed to regain that momentum late in the third quarter before fate entered the proceedings in the form of a drop in the end zone by Jackie Smith, the one time St. Louis Cardinals' all-pro playing in his last game after coming out of retirement when Cowboys' backup tight end Jay Saldi was hurt early in the year.

Dallas had driven to the Steelers' 10-yard line, returning to a running game, powered mostly by Dorsett, which had been abandoned in the first quarter.

Ironically, as it turned out, Dorsett rammed through a second-down Steelers' safety blitz by Wagner for seven yards that set up a third-and-three play from the Pittsburgh 10.

Staubach had done a good job reading a variety of blitzes used by the Steelers, who in 1979 had made heavy use of the tactic for the first time. Coming to the line he read yet another.

**PLAY NO. 5**

From a three-tight end set, he brought Drew Pearson back in motion to the inside and play-faked to a single

setback, Scott Laidlaw. The play unraveled as though dictated by the Cowboys' computer. To a point, that is.

Laidlaw picked off blitzing middle linebacker Jack Lambert with a block so vicious it probably made half the year's highlight films and Smith, more wingback than tight end on the play, ran a square-in behind Steelers' rookie corner Ron Johnson.

He was wide open for the reception which would've tied the game and sustained Dallas' increasing momentum. Smith dropped the ball. It wasn't the finest pass Staubach's ever thrown, low and feathery, but it was catchable and for an hour and a half afterwards, Smith would softly explain why he hadn't caught it. But he didn't. Possibly, Steelers' theorists conjecture, because too much time evolved, because the situation was simply too perfect.

"Jackie was so wide open that Roger tried to throw it in there slow," Landry said later. "It came in low and when Jackie tried to stop for it, his feet seemed to slip out from under him."

"It was a lousy pass," Staubach said at one point.

"I should've had it," Smith admitted, tearfully.

The Steelers agree with Smith.

Rafael Septien's 27-yard field goal cut the Pittsburgh edge to 21-17 with 2:36 left in the third quarter, but the Steelers never again trailed and when they drove 85 yards to score on the game's most interesting, and in many ways definitive play, all those two late Cowboys' touchdowns did, was wreck the spread and give Noll indigestion.

The teams traded punts after Septien's field goal and in the next series, Swearingen made his call on Barnes, which allowed Pittsburgh to set up shop on the Dallas 23.

A four-yard completion to Swann, a two-yard sweep by Harris and a mis-

take in judgment by Henderson later, came the play on which Dallas fell from grace.

In 11 previous third-down situations, Bradshaw had passed, a quirk surely noted by the Cowboys' computer. And wasn't he, by all explanations, at least not the most cerebral of quarterbacks?

Henderson had maintained so all week, and on a second down delay of game call against Pittsburgh on the preceding play, had banged into Bradshaw heavily after the whistle.

"He couldn't spell cat if you spotted him the 'c' and the 'a,'" Henderson had laughed at Bradshaw's expense during the pre-game hype.

**PLAY NO. 6**

Bradshaw would have his revenge. Assembling all the troops at the Dallas 22 in a third-and-nine situation, Bradshaw must've been smiling inwardly at a time when anyone in the Orange Bowl who understands a football is blown up rather than stuffed was thinking "pass."

Thomas Henderson was among them. He got run. Right at him. The play had failed once earlier, but Franco Harris on that occasion hadn't thought his quarterback had just been mauled. This time he did and ran with a vengeance. Ironically enough, right through Henderson's zone.

"It was just a simple tackle trap," Bradshaw smiled later. So it was, but Henderson misread it, reacted too late to get past tackle Ray Pinney's block, and Harris went a very quick 22 yards for the points that made it 28-17 and all but over.

"Franco thought old Henderson had roughed me up on the play before," Bradshaw said one day this spring. "He hadn't... but I didn't tell Franco that at the time. I never saw him run harder than he did on that play."

"You want a story, you ought to call up Henderson... ask him how dumb he thinks I am now."

If anyone was guilty of slowness of thought, it was Dallas' defensive tackle Randy White, who didn't sniff out the trap, and Henderson, who fell into it."

There were other important plays which followed, but none more critical, none more responsible for the ultimate outcome... which allowed Steelers' Dwight White to say of a comparison between the winners of Super Bowl XIII and the great Green Bay teams of another era: "We'd have Ray Nitschke and all those other guys for lunch." 🐾

**1. "Jackie's Agony" won 1st place in the color feature category of the HOF Photo Contest for John F. Rhodes, Dallas Morning News. Yep, it's the aftermath of Play No. 5!**

**2. Franco Harris (32) caught in mid-flight by the Steelers photog, upped the ante 28-17 over Dallas.**



# SUPER BOWL XIII PLAY-BY-PLAY

## INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

### PITTSBURGH

#### RUSHING

	Att.	NYG	Avg.	LG	TD
Harris	20	68	3.4	22	1
Bleier	2	3	1.5	2	0
Bradshaw	2	-5	-2.5	-3	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>1</b>

#### PASSING

	Att.	PC	Yds.	T/Yd	TD	LG	Int.
Bradshaw	30	17	318	4/27	4	75	1

#### RECEIVING

	No.	Yds.	LG	TD
Stallworth	3	115	75	2
Grossman	3	29	10	0
Harris	1	22	22	0
Swann	7	124	29	1
Bleier	1	7	7	1
Bell	2	21	12	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>318</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>4</b>

#### INTERCEPTIONS

	No.	Yds.	LG	TD
Blount	1	13	13	0

#### PUNTING

	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TB	In 20	LG
Colquitt	3	129	43.0	0	1	52

#### PUNT RETURNS

	No.	FC	Yds.	LG	TD
Bell	4	0	27	12	0

#### KICKOFF RETURNS

	No.	Yds.	LG	TD
L. Anderson	3	45	24	0

### DALLAS

#### RUSHING

	Att.	NYG	Avg.	LG	TD
Dorsett	15	96	6.4	29	0
Newhouse	8	3	0.4	5	0
D. Pearson	1	-13	-13.0	-13	0
Staubach	4	37	9.3	18	0
P. Pearson	1	6	6.0	6	0
Laidlaw	3	12	4.0	7	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>0</b>

#### PASSING

	Att.	Comp.	Yds.	T/Yd	TD	LG	Int.
Staubach	30	17	228	5/52	3	39	1

#### RECEIVING

	No.	Yds.	LG	TD
B. Johnson	2	30	26	1
Hill	2	49	39	1
P. Pearson	2	15	8	0
Dorsett	5	44	13	0
DuPree	2	17	10	1
D. Pearson	4	73	25	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>3</b>

#### INTERCEPTIONS

	No.	Yds.	LG	TD
Lewis	1	21	21	0

#### PUNTING

	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TB	In 20	LG
D. White	5	198	39.6	0	1	50

#### PUNT RETURNS

	No.	FC	Yds.	LG	TD
B. Johnson	2	1	33	21	0

#### KICKOFF RETURNS

	No.	Yds.	LG	TD
B. Johnson	3	63	23	0
Brinson	2	41	25	0
R. White	1	0	0	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>0</b>

## TEAM STATISTICS

	Pittsburgh	Dallas
FIRST DOWNS—Rushing—Passing—Penalty	2-15-2	6-13-1
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS	19	20
THIRD DOWN EFFICIENCY	9-15-60%	9-16-56%
TOTAL NET YARDS	357	317
TOTAL OFFENSIVE PLAYS	58	67
AVERAGE GAIN PER OFFENSIVE PLAY	6.2	4.7
NET YARDS RUSHING	66	141
TOTAL RUSHING PLAYS	24	32
AVERAGE GAIN PER RUSHING PLAY	2.8	4.4
NET YARDS PASSING	291	176
TIMES THROWN AND YARDS LOST IN PASSING ATTEMPTS	4-27	5-52
GROSS YARDS PASSING	318	228
PASSES—Attempted—Completed—Intercepted	30-17-1	30-17-1
AVERAGE GAIN PER PASS PLAY	8.6	5.0
PUNTS—Number—Average	3-43.0	5-39.6
PUNTS BLOCKED	0	0
TOTAL RETURN YARDAGE	85	158
PUNT RETURNS—Number—Yards	4-27	2-33
KICKOFF RETURNS—Number—Yards	3-45	6-104
INTERCEPTION RETURNS—Number—Yards	1-13	1-21
PENALTIES—Number—Yards	5-35	9-89
FUMBLES—Number—Lost	2-2	3-2
TOUCHDOWNS—Rushing—Passing—Returns—Total	1-4-0-5	0-3-1-4
FIELD GOALS—Made—Attempts	0-1	1-1
TIME OF POSSESSION	26:05	35:55

## SUPER BOWL XIII—

### Game Summary

January 21, 1979, 4:15 PM, EST  
PITTSBURGH STEELERS  
(AFC—visitors) vs. DALLAS  
COWBOYS (NFC—home team) at  
Miami (Orange Bowl)  
WEATHER: Cloudy—71°—58%  
humidity. WIND: 20-25 mph, west.  
REFEREE: Pat Haggerty (40).  
UMPIRE: Art Demmas (78). LINE  
JUDGE: Jack Fette (39). HEAD  
LINESMAN: Jerry Bergman (17).  
BACK JUDGE: Pat Knight (73).  
FIELD JUDGE: Fred Swearingen  
(21). SIDE JUDGE: Dean Look (49).

### LINEUPS

#### PITTSBURGH STEELERS

##### OFFENSE:

WR	82	John Stallworth
LT	55	Jon Kolb
LG	57	Sam Davis
C	52	Mike Webster
RG	72	Gerry Mullins
RT	74	Ray Pinney
TE	84	Randy Grossman
WR	88	Lynn Swann
QB	12	Terry Bradshaw
RB	20	Rocky Bleier
RB	32	Franco Harris

##### DEFENSE:

LE	68	L.C. Greenwood
LT	75	Joe Greene
RT	64	Steve Furness
RE	76	John Banaszak
LLB	59	Jack Ham
MLB	58	Jack Lambert
RLB	51	Loren Toews
LCB	29	Ron Johnson
RCB	47	Mel Blount
SS	31	Donnie Shell
FS	23	Mike Wagner

SUBS: Colquitt, Gerela, Dundy, Oldham,  
L. Anderson, Deloplane, Thornton,  
Moser, Winston, Cole, Beasley, Peterson,  
Dunn, F. Anderson, Courson, D. White,  
Brown, Bell, Smith, Mandich.

#### DALLAS COWBOYS

##### OFFENSE:

WR	80	Tony Hill
LT	67	Pat Donovan
LG	68	Herbert Scott
C	62	John Fitzgerald
RG	64	Tom Rafferty
RT	70	Rayfield Wright
TE	89	Billy Joe DuPree
WR	88	Drew Pearson
QB	12	Roger Staubach
RB	33	Tony Dorsett
RB	44	Robert Newhouse

##### DEFENSE:

LE	72	Ed Jones
LT	63	Larry Cole
RT	54	Randy White
RE	79	Harvey Martin
LLB	56	Thomas Henderson
MLB	53	Bob Breunig
RLB	50	D.D. Lewis
LCB	31	Benny Barnes
RCB	25	Aaron Kyle
SS	41	Charlie Waters
FS	43	Cliff Harris

SUBS: Septien, D. White, Blackwell, P.  
Pearson, Thurman, Laidlaw, Brinson,  
Hughes, Huther, Hegman, Brown,  
Randall, Stalls, Lawless, Frederick,  
Bethea, Smith, Steele, Johnson.  
DID NOT PLAY: Pittsburgh: Kruczek.  
Stoudt, Cunningham. Dallas: Carano,  
Washington, Cooper, Pugh.

PITTSBURGH	7	14	0	14—35
DALLAS	7	7	3	14—31

# SUPER BOWL XIII

## Play-By-Play

Captains: Pittsburgh-Davis, Lambert, Greene. Dallas-Staubach, Hughes, Lewis, Martin, D. Pearson.  
Dallas wins toss, receives. Pittsburgh defends east goal.

## FIRST QUARTER

Gerela KO to D5. Johnson returns right (23) to D28 (Winston)

### DALLAS (14:51)

1-10-D28 (Staubach at QB) Toss to Dorsett wide left (Shell) (9)  
2-1-D37 Dorsett middle (Shell) (16) FD  
1-10-P47 Newhouse middle (Greenwood) (0)  
2-10-P47 Toss to Dorsett wide right (Ham) (13) FD  
1-10-P34 On double reverse, D. Pearson fumbles handoff from Dorsett (Banaszak recovers) (-13)

### PITTSBURGH (12:59)

1-10-P47 (Bradshaw at QB) Toss to Harris wide right (Waters) (-1)  
2-11-P46 Harris middle (Breunig) (2)  
3-9-P48 Pass: Bradshaw-Stallworth (C. Harris) (Bradshaw rushed) (12) FD  
1-10-D40 Bradshaw's pass caught OOB by Stallworth (inc.)  
2-10-D40 Bleier wide right (Barnes) (2)  
3-8-D38 Pass: Bradshaw-Grossman, right side (Barnes) (10) FD  
1-10-D28 PASS: BRADSHAW-STALLWORTH, LEFT EDGE OF EZ, TD (28) FD (5:13 ELAPSED)  
PAT: GERELA (COLQUITT HOLDING)  
PITTSBURGH 7, DALLAS 0.

(9:47) Gerela KO to D12. Brinson returns left (16) to D28 (Moser)

### DALLAS (9:39)

1-10-D28 Staubach fumbles, passes short to Newhouse at 30 (inc.)  
2-10-D28 Dorsett at RT (Toews) (4)  
3-6-D32 Pass: Staubach-B. Johnson (R. Johnson) (26) FD  
1-10-P42 Toss to Dorsett left side (Blount) (3)  
2-7-P39 Staubach sacked (Furness) (-12)  
3-19-D49 Staubach sacked (White) (-10)  
4-29-D39 D. White punts to P18. Bell returns right (12) to P30 (Hughes)

### PITTSBURGH (6:09)

1-10-P30 Harris wide left (Kyle) (5)  
2-5-P35 Bradshaw's pass, right, to Swann overthrown (inc.)  
3-5-P35 Pass: Bradshaw-Harris, middle (C. Harris) (22) FD  
1-10-D43 Pass: Bradshaw-Swann, right (Barnes) (13) FD  
1-10-D30 Bradshaw's attempted pass to Stallworth, left, intercepted by Lewis on D15. Return (21) to D36 (Stallworth)

### DALLAS (4:18)

1-10-D36 Newhouse middle (Greenwood) (3)  
2-7-D39 Newhouse wide left (Lambert) (-1)  
3-8-D38 Staubach's pass, right, overthrown to P. Pearson (inc.)  
4-8-D38 D. White punts left OOB at P38 (24)

### PITTSBURGH (2:37)

1-10-P38 Harris at LT (Kyle) (9)  
2-1-P47 Harris middle (1) (Jones) but Pittsburgh penalized for holding (-10) (Davis)  
2-11-P37 Harris wide left (Kyle) (6)  
3-5-P43 Bradshaw sacked (Martin) (-2), fumbles, recovered by Jones.

### DALLAS (1:00)

1-10-P41 Newhouse at RG (Greenwood) (2)  
2-8-P39 Staubach's EZ pass to D. Pearson broken up (Shell) (inc.)  
3-8-P39 PASS: STAUDACH-HILL (CAUGHT ON 26, RUNS LEFT SIDE FOR TD) (39) FD (15:00 ELAPSED)  
PAT: SEPTIEN (WATERS HOLDING)  
PITTSBURGH 7, DALLAS 7

## SECOND QUARTER

Septien KO to P26. L. Anderson returns (1) to P27 (Huther)

### PITTSBURGH (14:54)

1-10-P27 Pass: Bradshaw-Grossman, right (Waters) (10) FD  
1-10-P37 Harris wide left (Jones) (7)  
2-3-P44 Harris at RG (Jones) (1)  
3-2-P45 Harris at LT (Lewis) (3) FD  
1-10-P48 Bradshaw's pass to Grossman, middle, overthrown (inc.)  
2-10-P48 Bradshaw's scrambling pass to Swann, left, broken up (Waters)  
3-10-P48 BRADSHAW SACKED (HENDERSON), STRIPPED OF BALL, FUMBLES, HEGMAN RECOVERS AND RUNS FOR TD (37) (SACK -11) (2:52 ELAPSED)  
PAT: SEPTIEN (WATERS HOLDING)  
DALLAS 14, PITTSBURGH 7

Septien's KO to the EZ is a touchback.

### PITTSBURGH (12:04)

1-10-P20 Harris left side (Martin) (2)  
2-8-P22 Harris at LG (Cole) (3)  
3-5-P25 PASS: BRADSHAW-STALLWORTH (CAUGHT AT P35, ELUDES KYLE, RUNS 65 YDS FOR TD) (75) FD (4:35 ELAPSED)  
PAT: GERELA (COLQUITT HOLDING)  
PITTSBURGH 14, DALLAS 14.

Gerela KO to D10. Johnson returns, right (21) to D31 (Moser)

### DALLAS (10:17)

1-10-D31 Newhouse wide left (Banaszak) (-4)  
2-14-D27 Dorsett wide right (Ham) (-3)  
3-17-D24 Staubach sacked (Greene), fumbles, recovered by Rafferty (-11)  
4-28-D13 D. White punts to P49. Bell returns (3) to D48 (Henderson)

### PITTSBURGH (7:43)

1-10-D48 Pass: Bradshaw-Swann, right side (Waters) (26) FD  
1-10-D22 Harris wide left (Jones) (-8)  
2-18-D30 Bradshaw's pass to Grossman overthrown, but Dallas penalized for holding (Henderson) (15) FD  
1-10-D25 Bradshaw's pass attempt to Stallworth (inc.) (Kyle)  
2-10-D25 Harris at LG (Stalls) (2)  
3-8-D23 Bradshaw sacked (Hegman) (-11)  
4-19-D34 Gerela 51-yd FG attempt (Colquitt holding) hits crossbar. NG.

### DALLAS (4:55)

1-10-D34 Dorsett left side (Furness) (5)  
2-5-D39 Newhouse wide left (Cole) (0)  
3-5-D39 Pass: Staubach-P. Pearson, diving catch, right side (Ham) (7) FD  
1-10-D46 Pass: Staubach-Hill, right (Wagner) (10) FD  
1-10-P44 (2:00) Pass: Staubach-Dorsett, screen left (R. Johnson) (12) FD. Unsportsmanlike conduct penalty: Dorsett & D. White, offsetting.  
1-10-P32 Staubach's pass, middle, for D. Pearson intercepted at P16. Returned by Blount (13) to P29. Dallas penalized for personal foul (15) to P44.

### PITTSBURGH (1:41)

1-10-P44 Harris wide left (Hegman) (-2). Pittsburgh penalized, holding (-10) (1:44) Pass: Bradshaw-Swann, right (Waters) (29) FD  
1-10-D37 Pass: Bradshaw-Swann (Barnes) (21) FD  
1-10-D16 Bradshaw's pass inc.  
2-10-D16 (0:40) Harris left side (Kyle) (9)  
3-1-D7 (0:33) PASS: BRADSHAW-BLEIER, RIGHT EDGE OF EZ, TD. (7) FD (14:34 ELAPSED)  
PAT: GERELA (COLQUITT HOLDING)  
PITTSBURGH 21, DALLAS 14.

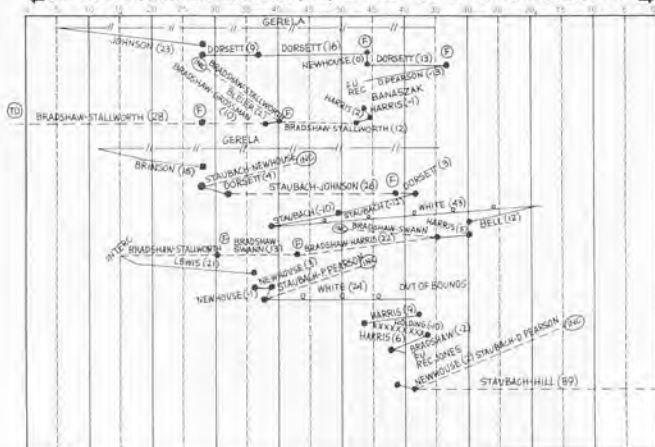
Gerela KO to D9. Brinson returns, right (25) to D34 (Winston)

### DALLAS (0:21)

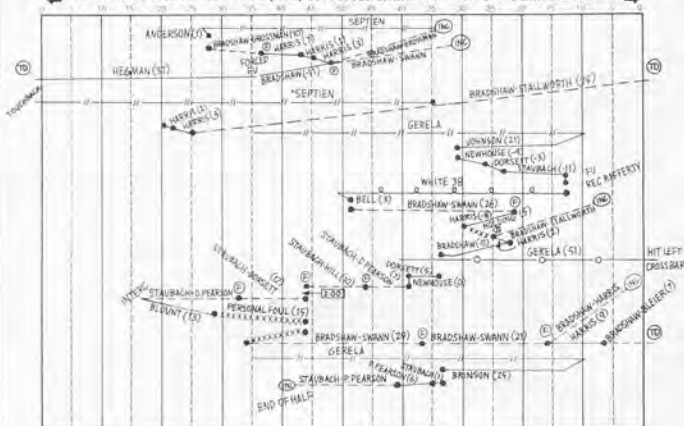
1-10-D34 Staubach scrambles, runs right (Greenwood) (1). Illegal procedure against Dallas declined.  
2-9-D35 P. Pearson right side (Ham) (6)  
3-3-D41 (0:02) Staubach's scrambling pass dropped by P. Pearson around 30 (inc.)

Halftime Score: Pittsburgh 21, Dallas 14

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LEFT 1-21-79 DALLAS COWBOYS (NFC) VS. PITTSBURGH STEELERS (AFC) 2ND QTR, RIGHT





### THIRD QUARTER

Septien KO to P15. L. Anderson returns (24) to P39 (Brown)

#### PITTSBURGH (14:52)

1-10-P39 Harris wide right (Breunig) (-4)  
2-14-P35 Bradshaw overthrows Bleier, left (inc.)  
3-14-P35 Pass: Bradshaw-Bell (rollout, right) (9)  
4-5-P44 Colquitt punts to D15 (FC-B Johnson)

#### DALLAS (13:44)

1-10-D15 Newhouse at LT (White) (-2)  
2-12-D13 Staubach's short pass dropped by Dorsett. Pittsburgh penalized, holding (Shell) (+5) FD  
1-10-D18 Newhouse right side (Lambert) (5)  
2-5-D23 Penalty, Dallas, delay of game (-5)  
2-10-D18 Staubach scrambles wide right (Greene) (11) FD  
1-10-D29 Dorsett left side (Cole) (1)  
2-9-D30 Staubach scrambles left (Furness) (7)  
3-2-D37 Laidlaw left side (Cole) (0)  
4-2-D37 D. White punts to P20. Bell returns, right (4) (Henderson)

#### PITTSBURGH (9:15)

1-10-P24 Harris right side (Jones) (-2)  
2-12-P22 Bleier at LG (Stalls) (1)  
3-11-P23 False start (Kolb). Penalty on Pittsburgh (-5)  
3-16-P18 Bradshaw underthrows Swann on left sideline (inc.)  
4-16-P18 Colquitt punts to D46. B. Johnson returns (12) (Petersen)

#### DALLAS (7:31)

1-10-P42 On return lateral from Dorsett. Staubach's pass for Hill in EZ incomplete (R. Johnson)  
2-10-P42 Toss to Dorsett right side (Greenwood) (4)  
3-6-P38 Pass: Staubach-P. Pearson (shotgun), left side (Blount) (8) FD  
1-10-P30 Dorsett right side (Ham) (1)  
2-9-P29 Laidlaw draw, right side (Ham) (7)  
3-2-P22 Dorsett right side (Cole) (5) FD  
1-10-P17 Staubach overthrows DuPree, right sideline (inc.)  
2-10-P17 Dorsett middle (Shell) (7)  
3-3-P10 TIME OUT—Dallas  
3-3-P10 Staubach's pass to Smith, alone in EZ, dropped (inc.)  
4-3-P10 SEPTIEN KICKS 27-YARD FIELD GOAL (WATERS HOLDING) (12:24 ELAPSED)

PITTSBURGH 21, DALLAS 17

Septien KO is OOB, left side. Penalty, Dallas, illegal procedure (-5)  
Septien KO from D30 to P9. L. Anderson returns left (20) (Thurman)

### PITTSBURGH (2:19)

1-10-P29 Harris left side (Breunig) (3)  
2-7-P32 Bradshaw overthrows Bell over the middle.  
3-7-P32 Pass: Bradshaw-Bell (scrambling), left side (Kyle) (12) FD (Mullins hurt)  
1-10-P44 Bradshaw's pass to Swann, right flat, juggled, dropped (inc.)  
2-10-P44 Bradshaw's pass to Swann, right side, dropped (Barnes) (inc.)  
3-10-P44 Bradshaw sacked (White) (-3)  
4-13-P41 Colquitt punts to D7. B. Johnson returns (21) to D28 (Winston)

### DALLAS (0:09)

1-10-D28 Dorsett wide right (Shell) (2)

### FOURTH QUARTER

2-8-D30

Staubach overthrows D. Pearson, right side (inc.)

3-8-D30

Pass: Staubach-Dorsett (swing pass, left) (Dungy) (13) FD

1-10-D43

Dorsett at RT (Lambert) (0)

2-10-D43

Laidlaw, draw at RT (Lambert) (5)

3-5-D48

Staubach's pass to Dorsett batted down (Greene) (inc.)

4-5-D48

D. White punts to P8, downed (Barnes). Dallas penalized, illegal man downfield (Thurman) (-5)

4-10-D43

D. White punts to 7. Bell returns (8) to P15 (Henderson)

1-10-P15

Toss to Harris at RT (Martin) (2)

2-8-P17

Bradshaw, rushed by Breunig, underthrows Bell, left (inc.)

3-8-P17

Pass: Bradshaw-Grossman, left (Harris) (9) FD

1-10-P26

Pass: Bradshaw-Swann, right (Barnes) (13) FD

1-10-P39

Toss to Harris wide left (White) (5)

2-5-P44

Bradshaw's pass to Swann, right, incomplete, but Dallas penalized for tripping (Barnes) (+33) FD

1-10-D23

Pass: Bradshaw-Swann, right flat (Martin) (4)

2-6-D19

Harris wide left (Kyle) (2)

3-4-D17

Delay of game penalty against Pittsburgh nullifies 13 yard

3-9-D22

Bradshaw sack by Henderson. (-5) HARRIS THROUGH LG FOR TD (22) FD. (7:50 ELAPSED)

PAT: GERELA (COLQUITT HOLDING) (DALLAS OFFSIDE ON PAT. PENALTY ON KICKOFF) PITTSBURGH 28, DALLAS 17

Gerela KO from P40 to D24. Randy White fumbles (Dungy) and Winston recovers for Pittsburgh, after return to D18.

PITTSBURGH (6:57)

1-10-D18

PASS: BRADSHAW-SWANN AT BACK EDGE OF EZ, TD (18) FD (8:09 ELAPSED)

PAT: GERELA (COLQUITT HOLDING) (DALLAS OFFSIDE ON PAT. PENALTY ON KICKOFF) PITTSBURGH 35, DALLAS 17

Gerela KO from P40 to D2. B. Johnson returns, right (19) to D21. Dallas penalized for clipping (-10)

### DALLAS (6:43)

1-10-D11 Pass: Staubach-Dorsett, right (Lambert) (8)  
2-3-D19 Staubach sacked (Banaszak) (-9)  
3-11-D10 Staubach scrambles (Lambert) (18) FD  
1-10-D28 Pass: Staubach-D. Pearson, right sideline (17) FD  
1-10-D45 Dorsett draw at LT (R. Johnson) (29) FD  
1-10-P26 Pass: Staubach-DuPree, left sideline (Toews) (10) FD  
1-10-P16 Pass: Staubach-D. Pearson, middle (Cole) (9)  
2-1-P7 PASS: STAUBACH-DUPREE, RIGHT (7) TD (12:33 ELAPSED)  
PAT: SEPTIEN (WATERS HOLDING)  
PITTSBURGH 35, DALLAS 24

Septien onside KO bobbled by Dungy, recovered by Dallas (Thurman) at D48

### DALLAS (2:23)

1-10-D48 Staubach's pass for DuPree knocked down (Ham) (inc.)  
2-10-D48 (2:14) Pass: Staubach-D. Pearson, right (R. Johnson) (22) FD  
1-10-P30 (2:00) Staubach sacked (Greenwood) (-10)  
2-20-P40 Pass: Staubach-Dorsett (Ham) (2)  
3-18-P38 Staubach's EZ pass to Hill is overthrown (inc.)  
4-18-P38 (0:52) Pass: Staubach-D. Pearson (Cole) (25) FD  
1-10-P13 (0:41) Pass: Staubach-Dorsett, middle, runs to right (Wagner) (9)  
2-1-P4 (0:32) Staubach's pass for P. Pearson in EZ underthrown (inc.)  
3-1-P4 (0:26) PASS: STAUBACH-B. JOHNSON, EZ, TD (4) FD (14:38 ELAPSED)  
PAT: SEPTIEN (WATERS HOLDING)  
PITTSBURGH 35, DALLAS 31

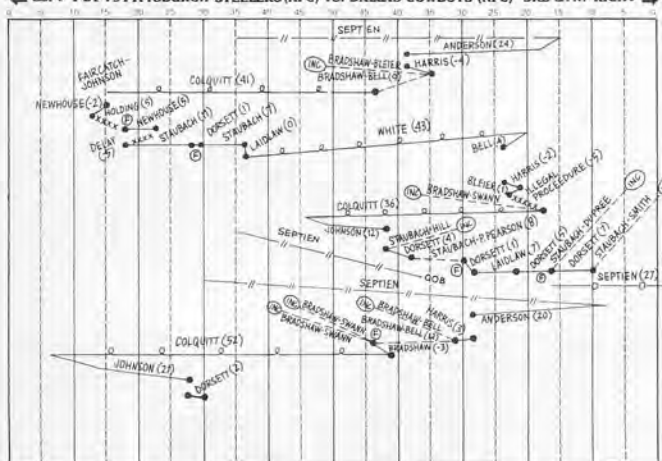
Septien KO is onside attempt, but recovered at D45 by Bleier for Pittsburgh

### PITTSBURGH (0:20)

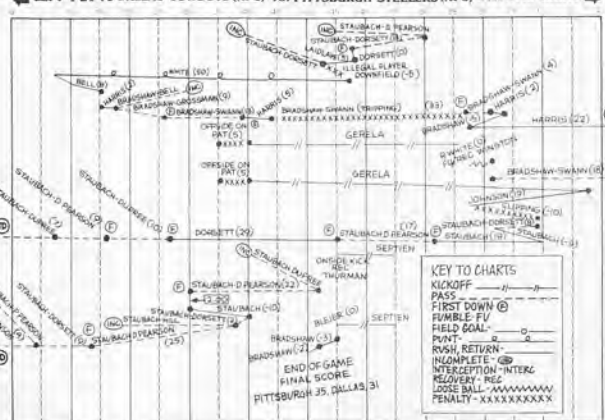
1-10-D45 Bradshaw falls on the ball (Waters) (-3)  
2-13-D48 Bradshaw falls on the ball (Lewis) (-2)

**Final Score: Pittsburgh 35, Dallas 31**

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LEFT 1-21-79 DALLAS COWBOYS (NFC) VS. PITTSBURGH STEELERS (AFC) 4TH QTR. RIGHT



## SUPER BOWL XIII

### SUPER BOWL WINNERS

SB	Date	Place	Winner	Loser
I	Jan. 15, 1967	Los Angeles	Green Bay (Lombardi) (NFL)	35 Kansas City (Stram) (AFL)
II	Jan. 14, 1968	Miami	Green Bay (Lombardi) (NFL)	33 Oakland (Rauch) (AFL)
III	Jan. 12, 1969	Miami	New York Jets (Ewbank) (AFL)	16 Baltimore (Shula) (NFL)
IV	Jan. 11, 1970	New Orleans	Kansas City (Stram) (AFL)	23 Minnesota (Grant) (NFL)
V	Jan. 17, 1971	Miami	Baltimore (McCafferty) (AFC)	16 Dallas (Landry) (NFC)
VI	Jan. 16, 1972	New Orleans	Dallas (Landry) (NFC)	24 Miami (Shula) (AFC)
VII	Jan. 14, 1973	Los Angeles	Miami (Shula) (AFC)	14 Washington (Allen) (NFC)
VIII	Jan. 13, 1974	Houston	Miami (Shula) (AFC)	24 Minnesota (Grant) (NFC)
IX	Jan. 12, 1975	New Orleans	Pittsburgh (Noll) (AFC)	16 Minnesota (Grant) (NFC)
X	Jan. 18, 1976	Miami	Pittsburgh (Noll) (AFC)	21 Dallas (Landry) (NFC)
XI	Jan. 9, 1977	Pasadena	Oakland (Madden) (AFC)	32 Minnesota (Grant) (NFC)
XII	Jan. 15, 1978	New Orleans	Dallas (Landry) (NFC)	27 Denver (Miller) (AFC)
XIII	Jan. 21, 1979	Miami	Pittsburgh (Noll) (AFC)	35 Dallas (Landry) (NFC)

### SUPER BOWL ACCUMULATIVE

Conferences and teams	Coaches
AFL-AFC	9-4 Noll
NFL-NFC	4-9 Lombardi
Pittsburgh	3-0 Ewbank
Green Bay	2-0 McCafferty
New York Jets	1-0 Madden
Miami	2-1 Shula
Kansas City	1-1 Stram
Baltimore	1-1 Landry
Oakland	1-1 Miller
Dallas	2-3 Rauch
Washington	0-1 Allen
Denver	0-1 Grant
Minnesota	0-4

## "ACCORDING TO THE RULES"

NFL officials, sensitive to the Darryl Stingley injury and to other sidelining incidents, are quick to point out that NFL football is not of itself a game whose nuances of design are of violence. Rather, what often is called violence is the residue of the aggressiveness with which winning football must be played.

Those close to the game will buy this statement of position. The more casual fan and some argument-seeking members of the media will disagree, saying that violence is a part of the intent of those who play the game.

Certainly the NFL competition committee, with approval of the owners, is attempting to build in more safety for the players, realizing that the fewer the injuries the less the attack on the game's image.

At publication time, the league was in the process of firming up many rules changes, most of which were designed to improve the safety of the player. Included were these likely-to-be-adapted proposals:

‡ "Spearing" tackles, with the helmet driven into the breastbone, probably will be outlawed.

‡ Officials will blow a quicker whistle when a quarterback is being held by a defensive player and a sack is imminent.

‡ New restrictions on below-the-waist blocking on kick returns.

‡ Unsportsmanlike conduct to be called on threatening gestures made by one player toward another, catching a mood before it explodes.

‡ A firmer prohibition against worn or altered equipment which might, on contact, cause injury.

Those were the likely new rules most designed to reduce injuries. But other clarifying rules were in the works, including:

‡ Any fourth down fumble may be advanced only by the fumbler. Also, any fumble on any down after the two-minute warning may be advanced only by the fumbler. (Remember the Oakland-San Diego fumble TD by Oakland?)

‡ Touchback rules changes on kicks touched by the receivers and then recovered by the kickers either in or out of the end zone. Kickers get the ball.

‡ Each of the seven officials will wear the name of his position and his number on his back and an abbreviation and number on the front.

‡ Referees will wear a newly designed black hat with white piping.

‡ Seven referee's signals to the fans will be altered slightly to conform with college signals, for uniformity.

‡ Several other minor points of clarification were likely to be approved, after having been recommended earlier by the competition committee and given tentative approval by the owners.

In recent times, we've heard various NFL owners comment that:

—there should be more wide-open offense to improve fan interest.

—there should be more protection

for the quarterbacks and defensive backs, and, to some extent, for other players.

In the case of the former, coaches will open up their attacks when the rules make it pay off to do so. The owners have control over the rules committee.

In the case of the latter, a combination of changing rules, plus changing coaching attitudes, will bring about the result.

Both the coaches and the rules committee are under the control of the owners.



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## "THE OWNERS DECIDE"

# PETERSEN'S PRO FOOTBALL QUIZ

IF YOU'VE READ THIS FAR,  
YOU SHOULD KNOW

ALL THE ANSWERS . . . THEY'RE IN THE BOOK

Every answer to the following questions may be found on the previous 126 pages. But if you want to cheat a little, or just want to check your answers, you'll find them all on page 128.

- 1) What do Mark Littell, Terry Stieve and Bob Pollard have in common?
  - A—All are members of the Wilsonia (California) Rotary Club in the off-season.
  - B—All were traded to the St. Louis Cardinals in deals involving Al Hrabosky and Conrad Dobler.
  - C—All attended high school together in Honolulu.
  - D—All pitched no-hitters when they were playing college baseball.
- 2) Among Conrad Dobler's off-season pursuits, he
  - A—owns a radio station in Laramie, Wyoming.
  - B—develops holding patterns for municipally owned airports in Kentucky.
  - C—operates a dress shop in North, South Carolina.
  - D—is the sports editor of the North Las Vegas (Nevada) Valley Times.
- 3) Based on the 1978 won/lost records of their 1979 opponents, the three NFL teams with the toughest schedules for 1979 are
  - A—Buffalo, San Francisco and San Diego.
  - B—San Francisco, San Diego and Cincinnati.
  - C—San Diego, Cincinnati and Buffalo.
  - D—Cincinnati, Buffalo and San Francisco.
- 4) Only one of the following statements is untrue:
  - A—In 1950, Paul Salata scored the first touchdown ever scored by a San Francisco 49er against the Los Angeles Rams and that same year he caught 50 NFL passes.
  - B—Paul Salata is the idea man behind a football festival called "Irrelevant Week."
  - C—Paul Salata is married to the daughter of a former president of the United States.
  - D—Paul Salata heads a large sewer construction company in Orange County, California.
- 5) Based on the 1978 won/lost records of their 1979 opponents, the three NFL teams with the easiest schedules for 1979 are
  - A—Tampa Bay, Los Angeles and New York Giants.
  - B—Los Angeles, New York Giants and Pittsburgh.
  - C—New York Giants, Pittsburgh and Tampa Bay.
  - D—Pittsburgh, Tampa Bay and Los Angeles.
- 6) NFL referee Jim Tunney spends his off-season
  - A—as a flying instructor for Catalina Amphibian Airlines.
  - B—lecturing on motivation.
  - C—manufacturing striped shirts for officials in all sports.
  - D—operating a chain of motels in Sonora, Mexico.
- 7) A sheriff in Raleigh, North Carolina is former NFL defensive lineman
  - A—John Baker.
  - B—Graham Culler.
  - C—Fred Sington.
  - D—Gino Marchetti.
- 8) The Pro Football Hall of Fame is located at
  - A—Albany, New York.
  - B—Canton, Ohio.
  - C—Cooperstown, New York.
  - D—Massillon, Ohio.
- 9) At the end of the 1978 NFL season, the three least experienced teams in the NFL were
  - A—Buffalo, New York Jets and San Francisco.
  - B—New York Jets, San Francisco and Tampa Bay.
  - C—San Francisco, Tampa Bay and Buffalo.
  - D—Tampa Bay, Buffalo and New York Jets.
- 10) From 1970 through 1974, Preston Pearson, now with Dallas, played for
  - A—Baltimore.
  - B—Philadelphia.
  - C—Pittsburgh.
  - D—Washington.
- 11) This year's inductees into the Pro Football Hall of Fame are
  - A—Jon Arnett, Dick Butkus, Yale Lary and Ron Mix.
  - B—Jon Arnett, Dick Butkus, Yale Lary and Johnny Unitas.
  - C—Jon Arnett, Yale Lary, Ron Mix and Johnny Unitas.
  - D—Dick Butkus, Yale Lary, Ron Mix and Johnny Unitas.
- 12) There have been \_\_\_\_\_ Super Bowl games won by original AFL teams coached by original AFL head coaches.
  - A—8
  - B—6
  - C—4
  - D—2
- 13) The real name of the Pittsburgh Steelers' head coach is
  - A—Charles Clyburn Noll.
  - B—Charles Henry Noll.
  - C—Charles John Noll.
  - D—Charles Junken Noll.
- 14) "Maybe they ought to put dresses on quarterbacks" was said by
  - A—Jack Lambert.
  - B—Jack Youngblood.
  - C—Jim Youngblood.
  - D—Joel Youngblood.
- 15) This offensive lineman was penalized for holding only twice in nine pro seasons.
  - A—Conrad Dobler
  - B—Lee Laufer
  - C—Ron Mix
  - D—Frank Varrichione
- 16) Red Grange once said that "the toughest, meanest, most ornery character alive" was
  - A—Hardy Brown.
  - B—Dick Butkus.
  - C—Ed Sprinkle.
  - D—George Trafton.
- 17) Jim Zorn and Ken Stabler have this in common:
  - A—Both are left-handed.
  - B—Both attended the University of Alabama.
  - C—Both got their NFL starts with the Jets.
  - D—Both turned down pro soccer contracts.
- 18) When the Detroit Lions signed Bobby Mann as a free agent in 1948 and traded him in 1950, it set off a trade-string which ultimately brought the Lions \_\_\_\_\_ years of player services, without the expenditure of a single draft choice.
  - A—35
  - B—46
  - C—53
  - D—64
- 19) At the time Heisman Trophy winner John Cappelletti was negotiating an original contract with the Rams, he also was being pursued by
  - A—Philadelphia in the NBA.
  - B—Philadelphia in the NL.
  - C—Philadelphia in the WFL.
  - D—Pittsburgh in the NL.
- 20) One of the keys to the Pittsburgh Super Bowl XIII win over Dallas was the effective one-on-one play against Dallas' Harvey Martin by the Steelers'
  - A—Sam Davis.
  - B—Tim Foli.
  - C—Jon Kolb.
  - D—Mike Webster.



# EPILOGUE

## PETERSEN'S PRO FOOTBALL PUZZLE

This corner of our book is reserved each year for those puzzle buffs who are kind enough to write to us and tell us to be sure to include our own special challenge for them each year.

For the new reader, it's a puzzle which doesn't demand intricate knowledge of football. All you need to know is what a drafted player is in contrast to one signed originally as a free agent. Your friendly neighborhood football fan can help you with that, and the rest is just like any other elimination-style puzzle on any subject.

Just work out each of the following 16 clues so that you end your labor with a perfect match of eleven first names and eleven offensive positions on this mythical football team. To state it another way, each of the eleven names in the clues plays one of the

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## QUIZ ANSWERS

(From Page 127)

- 1) B—All were traded to the St. Louis Cardinals in deals involving Al Hrabosky and Conrad Dobler.
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- 3) D—Cincinnati, Buffalo and San Francisco.
- 4) C—Paul Salata is married to the daughter of a former president of the United States.
- 5) A—Tampa Bay, Los Angeles and New York Giants.
- 6) B—lecturing on motivation.
- 7) A—John Baker.
- 8) B—Canton, Ohio.
- 9) B—New York Jets, San Francisco and Tampa Bay.
- 10) C—Pittsburgh.
- 11) D—Dick Butkus, Yale Lary, Ron Mix and Johnny Unitas.
- 12) D—2.
- 13) B—Charles Henry Noll.
- 14) A—Jack Lambert.
- 15) C—Ron Mix.
- 16) D—George Trafton.
- 17) A—Both are left-handed.
- 18) D—64.
- 19) C—Philadelphia in the WFL.
- 20) C—Jon Kolb.

## THE CLUES

- 1—Bernie is the oldest, four years older than Fritz and the QB, and seven years older than Del and the FB.
- 2—Wilbur, Fritz and the QB are the only free-agent acquisitions, all signed without previous pro experience.
- 3—Ronnie, Clark, the C, LG, HB and FB are the only players who attended colleges in the same states in which they were born.
- 4—This team once made the playoffs, but never has made the Super Bowl.
- 5—The LT is the tallest, one inch taller than the TE and two inches taller than George and Roger.
- 6—The C is the only player born in a west coast state, but Wilbur traveled across the country from his home state to play for UCLA.
- 7—Rich and Eddie both were second-round draft choices, while the LWR, LT and RT all were drafted on the first round, and of the five, only the LT originally was drafted by another team.
- 8—Ronnie, Mike, the RG, HB and FB have spent their entire pro careers with this team.
- 9—George, the only rookie to make the

- starting lineup, also is the team's youngest player, five years younger than the RWR, six years younger than Eddie and eight years younger than Roger and the LG.
- 10—Only Del, the C and the TE have played in a Super Bowl game.
- 11—In his long pro career, the only time Rich ever handled the ball was once when he recovered a fumble.
- 12—George is the lightest at 185 pounds. He weighs 5 pounds less than the QB, 25 pounds less than Eddie and the C, 45 pounds less than Roger and 85 pounds less than the RT, who is the heaviest on the team.
- 13—The QB, born in Chicago, starred at Northwestern, while Mike, a Pennsylvanian by birth, played at the University of Maryland.
- 14—At 5-10, the RG is the shortest, but not the lightest.
- 15—Fritz, a Tennessee native, played for Bear Bryant at Alabama U.
- 16—On the road, Eddie, Fritz and the RWR like the movies, while the FB prefers to stay at the hotel and watch TV.

## EPILOGUE

If you have read these 128 pages, reading from start to finish as a book should be read, we suggest you turn it into a reference guide, and keep it by the TV set for the season. After the Pro Bowl, put it in your sports library as a permanent reference.

If our violence theme has intrigued you, there's more of it to come. In the fall, two more Petersen sports series publications will explore the same theme: **Petersen's Pro Basketball 1979-80** and **Petersen's Pro Hockey 1979-80**. Look for them on the same newsstand where you found this book.

The hockey annual makes its debut with the upcoming issue, bringing to four the pro sports covered in our series. (**Petersen's Pro Baseball 1980** will be back in the spring.) The hockey publication will have a double theme, involving itself with our skills theme of last year and our violence theme of this season.

And in 1980, a new theme in at least four books.



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